

# FSA & End of Course Exams

The Facts of What You Need to Know to Be Prepared



## Resources

Families are encouraged to take advantage of the information and resources available on the Florida Standards Assessments portal ([www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org)) and the FDOE website ([www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org)). More resources will be made available throughout the 2014–2015 school year, so parents and students should check these websites regularly for updates.

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Khan Academy can be used for content review or remedial support during course and can be accessed at <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Florida Achieves can be used for focus mini assessments and content review during course can be found at <http://focus.florida-achieves.com>

## Information about the Exams:

- The assessments will occur between March 2–June 3, 2015.
- As many Floridians are aware, our state has been in a period of transition as we have made important decisions to improve our education system and raise the bar for our schools, educators and students. Please see below for an overview of the direction we are moving in statewide assessments, which assessments will be offered in the upcoming school year, how those assessments will be offered and ways families can support their children in preparation for the new assessments.
- Florida has been transitioning to computer-based testing since 2010 and will continue to do so in Spring 2015. AIR offers a dynamic computer-based test delivery system. Students will respond to items in multiple ways, including creating graphs, writing short responses and using other interactive features. The various question types are designed to assess higher-order thinking skills and offer exciting new ways for students to show what they know and can do. Training tests are now available for students, parents and educators to become familiar with the new testing system. The training tests can be accessed at [www.FSAssessments.org/training-tests](http://www.FSAssessments.org/training-tests).
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- Students will also be administered a Pasco School District End-of-Course exam for each high school course they are enrolled in.
- What Florida State Assessments will my students be taking?
  - Algebra 1 End of Course Assessment
  - Geometry End of Course Assessment
  - Algebra 2 End of Course Assessment
  - Grades 9 & 10 ELA Reading/Writing/Mathematics

