

## 2023–24 Science and Social Studies End-of-Course Assessments Fact Sheet

### Florida Science and Social Studies EOC Assessments Overview

This fact sheet provides information about the Civics, Biology 1, and U.S. History end-of-course (EOC) assessments that measure student achievement of the state academic standards, as outlined in their [course descriptions](#).

### Science and Social Studies EOC Assessments—Students to Be Tested

All students enrolled in and completing one of the courses in Table 1 must participate in the appropriate assessment.

**Table 1. Science and Social Studies EOC Assessment Corresponding Course List**

Assessment	Course
<b>Biology 1</b>	Biology 1 – 2000310 Biology 1 Honors – 2000320 Pre-AICE Biology IGCSE Level – 2000322 Biology Technology – 2000430 Florida’s PreIB Biology 1 – 2000800 Integrated Science 3 – 2002440 Integrated Science 3 Honors – 2002450
<b>Civics</b>	M/J Civics – 2106010 M/J Civics – 2106015 M/J Civics & Career Planning – 2106016 M/J Civics, Advanced – 2106020 M/J Civics, Advanced – 2106025 M/J Civics, Advanced & Career Planning – 2106026 M/J Civics and Digital Technologies – 2106029 M/J U.S. History & Civics – 2100045 M/J IB Middle Years Program Civics Advanced – 2106027 M/J IB Middle Years Program Civics Advanced & Career Planning – 2106028
<b>U.S. History</b>	United States History – 2100310 United States History Honors – 2100320 Visions and Countervisions: Europe, U.S. and the World from 1848 Honors – 2100480

In addition, the following students are eligible to participate in the Science and Social Studies EOC assessments:

- Students who have not yet taken an assessment to be averaged as 30% of their course grades.
- Students who are in grade forgiveness programs and wish to retake an assessment to improve their course grades.
- Students who need to earn a passing score for a standard diploma with a Scholar designation (Biology 1 and U.S. History only).
- Students in a credit acceleration program (CAP) who wish to take the assessment to earn course credit (may apply to all subjects except for Civics).

In accordance with [section 1008.22\(3\)\(b\)2](#), Florida Statutes, middle grades students may not be tested on both the Grade 8 Statewide Science Assessment and the Biology 1 EOC assessment. Students enrolled in Biology 1 must take the EOC assessment, not the grade-level Statewide Science assessment.

### Test Administration Schedule

For a full schedule of Florida EOC assessments, see the [2023–2024 Statewide Assessment Schedule](#).

### Test Administration Information

- Florida’s EOC assessments are delivered via a computer-based test (CBT) platform called the Test Delivery System.
- Paper-based versions (regular print, large print, braille, and one-item-per-page) of CBT assessments are provided for students with disabilities who cannot access assessments on the computer as specified in their Individual Educational Plans (IEP) or Section 504 Plans.
- CBT accommodations (e.g., text-to-speech) are available for students whose IEPs or Section 504 Plans indicate these accommodations.
- The Civics, Biology 1, and U.S. History EOC assessments are administered in one 160-minute session with a short break after the first 80 minutes. Any student not finished by the end of the 160-minute session may continue working for up to the length of a typical school day.
- The Test Design Summary provides a map or blueprint for how each assessment is designed. The summaries show the possible number of items, item types, standards assessed within each reporting category, and the representation of each category, in percentages, on the test.
  - [Science Test Design Summary](#)
  - [Social Studies Test Design Summary](#)
- For Biology 1, students are provided four-page [CBT Work Folders](#) for each session.
- For the Civics and U.S. History EOC assessments, students are provided with two-page [CBT Worksheets](#).
- For Biology 1, students are provided with a four-function calculator and Periodic Table of the Elements in the CBT platform. The calculator is available for practice on the [Florida Statewide Assessments Portal](#). The [Calculator and Reference Sheet Policies for Florida Statewide Assessments](#) document provides more information regarding calculator and reference sheet policies for all assessments.

### Practice Test

- Practice test materials allow educators, parents/guardians, and students to become familiar with the types of items that will be encountered on the EOC assessments, as well as the system, functionality, and tools on the online platform.
- Computer-based and paper-based practice tests and answer keys for each assessment are available on the [Students & Families portal](#) page. For resources to better understand the standards to which the assessments are aligned, please visit [CPALMS](#).
- Students may participate in a CBT practice test session at their schools prior to testing.
- Districts may order paper-based large print, one-item-per-page, or braille practice materials for students participating with these accommodations.

### Achievement Levels and Scale Scores

Student performance on Florida’s statewide assessments is categorized into five achievement levels. Beginning in Spring 2024, Results for Science and Social Studies assessments are reported in the Florida Reporting System within 24 hours of student testing. Table 2 provides information regarding student performance at each achievement level; this information is provided on student reports so that students, parents/guardians, and educators may interpret student results in a meaningful way.

**Table 2. Achievement Levels**

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Inadequate: Highly likely to need substantial support for the next grade	Below Satisfactory: Likely to need substantial support for the next grade	On Grade Level: May need additional support for the next grade	Proficient: Likely to excel in the next grade	Mastery: Highly likely to excel in the next grade

[Achievement Level Descriptions](#) further specify what students should know and be able to do in each grade level and subject as indicated in the applicable standards.

Achievement level scale score ranges for Florida’s statewide assessments are adopted by the State Board of Education as represented by [State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.09422](#), Florida Administrative Code. The lowest score in Level 3 is the passing score for each assessment. The table below shows the score ranges for each achievement level on the applicable score scale.

**Table 3. EOC Scale Scores for Each Achievement Level**

Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<b>Biology 1</b>	325–368	369–394	<b>395–420</b>	421–430	431–475
<b>Civics</b>	325–375	376–393	<b>394–412</b>	413–427	428–475
<b>U.S. History</b>	325–377	378–396	<b>397–416</b>	417–431	432–475

**Additional Information**

- For more information about graduation requirements related to EOC assessments, including information about earning a standard diploma with a Scholar designation, please see [Graduation Requirements for Statewide Assessments](#).
- For more information on student reports, reporting categories and achievement levels, please see [Understanding Florida Statewide Assessment Reports](#).
- For more information on the standard-setting process, please visit the [Standard Setting](#) page on the Florida Department of Education website.
- Students with an IEP or Section 504 Plan, as well as English Language Learners (ELLs), may be eligible for allowable accommodations on statewide assessments. For more information about accommodations, please see the [Accommodations Guide](#).

Please visit the [FDOE website](#) and the [Florida Statewide Assessments Portal](#) for more information about the statewide assessment program.