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## MEMORANDUM #02-68

**TO:** District Dropout Prevention Coordinators  
District Student Services Directors

**FROM:** Shan Goff

**DATE:** August 19, 2002

**SUBJECT: GUIDE TO TEST INSTRUMENTS FOR ENTRY AND EXIT  
ASSESSMENTS IN JUVENILE JUSTICE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Please find enclosed the *Guide to Test Instruments for Entry and Exit Assessment in Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Educational Programs*. Ensuring high quality educational programs for youth in Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities continues to be a high priority for the Department of Education (DOE). Assessment of student progress is an integral part of a sound educational program.

Pursuant to section 228.081(2)(e), Florida Statutes, the legislature identified specific requirements for measuring student academic progress in the basic skills areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. This guide was developed to assist districts and private providers in selecting appropriate assessment instruments for students who are entering and exiting DJJ programs.

It is anticipated that the 2003 Quality Assurance Standards will include a verification that all entry and exit assessments are age-appropriate. The elements included in this guide are not intended to be comprehensive, and individuals are encouraged to contact test publishers directly for greater detail before making a decision regarding test selection. DOE staff is also available to provide resources and training to assist districts and programs in the selection of the most appropriate assessment instrument.

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If you have questions regarding program issues, contact Cameron Dougherty via email at [cameron.dougherty@fldoe.org](mailto:cameron.dougherty@fldoe.org) or by telephone at (850) 487-3510 or Suncom 277-3510. For questions about assessment, contact Student Support Services Project via email at <http://sss.usf.edu> or by telephone at (850) 922-3727 or Suncom 292-0045. This document is available at <http://www.myfloridaeducation.com/commhome/pub-home.htm> on the Bureau of Instructional Support and Community Services website.

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