

**Florida Department of Education
Grade 12 FCAT Information
2003-2004**

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) results for 12th grade students are targeted to arrive in districts before the beginning of May 2004. Districts will receive individual student FCAT reports.

This report contains individual students' scores for the Reading and Mathematics Sunshine State Standards portion of the grade 10 FCAT. Passing scale scores for the 2004 grade 10 FCAT are 1926 or above for reading and 1889 or above for mathematics. Students who took the grade 10 FCAT for the first time during the 2001 administrations must earn a passing scale score of 1856 or higher in reading and 1868 or higher in mathematics.

FCAT Summer Administration Schedule

The next reading and mathematics FCAT administration for rising 12th graders, new students, and students retaking the tests is June 21-25, 2004. School guidance counselors will be able to provide students and parents with more information about test schedules and test sites.

Other FCAT Interpretive Materials (available in a separate shipment to districts and schools)

Understanding 2004 FCAT Reports is a booklet that provides information about the FCAT student, district, and school reports. Samples of reports, an explanation of the reports, and a glossary of technical terms are included. Distribution to districts is scheduled to coincide with the delivery of student reports. The booklet may be downloaded from the Department of Education Web site at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/fcat.htm>.

Keys to FCAT 2004, Grades 9-10 are booklets that contain information for parents and students preparing for FCAT Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. They are distributed to districts each January. The 2004 publications are translated into Spanish and Haitian Creole and are available, along with the *Keys to FCAT* in English, on the Department of Education Web site at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/fcat.htm>. Success on the Reading and Mathematics Sunshine State Standards portion of the FCAT can best be understood by focusing on the "Achievement Levels," where a Level 3 or higher means that the student has scored at or above grade level.

Additional Web Resources

- FCAT sample reading and mathematics test materials and released items for 10th grade students (<http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/fcat.htm>)
- FCAT sample reading and mathematics test materials and released items for 10th grade students (www.fcatexplorer.org)

Section 1008.22(3)(c)5, Florida Statutes

State law authorizes the State Board of Education to designate a passing score for each part of the grade 10 assessment test. School staff should explain to families why the Sunshine State Standards are important, what their child's scores mean, and why their child should participate in remediation and retake the FCAT. Teachers should try to enlist the student's support for remediation and retaking the FCAT.