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# Understanding Florida Standards Assessments Reports 

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## Understanding FSA Reports

## Introduction

This document has been prepared to help you understand the score reports for the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA). It includes explanations of the reports, information about the content assessed in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA) relating to the Florida Standards, and a glossary of the terms used in these reports. The explanations provided for the sample reports apply to all grade levels unless otherwise noted.

Districts will receive paper copies of student score reports for distribution to schools and students. In addition, all reports, including aggregate score results for all other entities, can be found in the FSA Reporting System. Authorized users must log in to the FSA Reporting System to access aggregate score results. The results posted in the FSA Reporting System are restricted to authorized district and school personnel, since they contain confidential student information. Please see the FSA Reporting System User Guide available on the FSA Portal for assistance in accessing these results.

Note: Terms that are defined in the glossary appear in bold text the first time they are used in a section.

## Purpose of the FSA

All Florida schools teach the Florida Standards, and students' knowledge of these standards is assessed through the statewide FSA assessments. Student performance on the FSA assessments provides important information to parents, teachers, policy makers, and the general public regarding how well students are learning the Florida Standards.

## Subjects/Grade Levels Tested in 2016

- Grades 3-10 ELA (Reading component in grades 3-10; Writing component in grades 4-10)
- Grades 3-8 Mathematics
- Algebra 1*
- Geometry*
- Algebra 2
*Note: In accordance with Section 1008.22(3)(b)2., Florida Statutes, "Students enrolled in a course, as specified in the course code directory, with an associated statewide, standardized EOC [End-of-Course] assessment must take the EOC assessment for such course and may not take the corresponding subject or grade-level statewide, standardized assessment pursuant to paragraph (a)."

Most students, including English language learner (ELL) and exceptional student education (ESE) students, enrolled in the tested grade levels participated in the 2016 FSA administrations. Allowable accommodations were provided to eligible ELL and ESE students who have accommodations documented on their Individual Education Plans (IEPs) or Section 504 Plans.

## Testing Format

Florida's transition to computer-based testing began in 2010. In 2016, all eligible students took a computer-based test (CBT) with the exception of students in grade 3 who took paper-based ELA Reading and Mathematics assessments, students in grade 4 who took paper-based Mathematics, and students in grades $4-7$ who took paper-based ELA Writing. In addition, paper-based forms and accommodated test forms are provided for students with disabilities, as specified in
their IEPs or Section 504 Plans. Accommodated paper-based forms include large print, braille, and one-item-per-page for both paper-based and computer-based tests and regular print for computer-based tests. Computer-based accommodations, such as masking, audio for listening items, and American Sign Language (ASL) videos, are available in the computer-based platform for eligible students who require them.

Computer-Based Tests

- Grades 8-10 ELA Writing
- Grades $4-10$ ELA Reading
- Grades 5-8 Mathematics
- Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 EOC assessments


## Paper-Based Tests

- Grades 4-7 ELA Writing
- Grades 3 ELA Reading
- Grades 3 and 4 Mathematics


## Question Formats

Students respond to items in multiple ways, including creating graphs, writing extended responses, and using other interactive features. The various question types are designed to assess higher-order thinking skills and offer diverse ways for students to show what they know and can do. Detailed descriptions of the question formats and item types are available in the item specifications posted to the FSA Portal.

## Florida Standards Assessments Scores

FSA results are reported in several formats. Reports are distributed to students, schools, and districts. Table 2 provides a list of FSA reports, the format in which the report will be delivered, the grade levels for which each report is provided, and the page of this document on which each report is described.

## FSA ELA, Mathematics, and EOC Scores

## ELA, Mathematics, and EOC Scale Scores and Achievement Levels

After the baseline administration of FSA in spring 2015, the standard-setting process took place to establish the achievement level cut scores for each grade and subject. Achievement level cut scores were adopted by the Florida State Board of Education in January of 2016 in State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.09422, Florida Administrative Code. Information regarding standard setting, as well as the adopted achievement levels, also called performance levels, and corresponding scale score ranges are available on the Florida Department of Education Standard Setting page. Both scale scores and performance levels are reported for FSA ELA, Mathematics, and EOC tests. The scales on which students receive scores differ by grade and subject and are indicated on the individual student reports. There are five performance levels, corresponding to the performance descriptions shown in Table 1 on the following page.

Table 1. Performance Levels

| Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 | Level 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Inadequate: <br> Highly likely to need <br> substantial support <br> for the next <br> grade/course | Below Satisfactory: <br> Likely to need <br> substantial support <br> for the next <br> grade/course | Satisfactory: <br> May need additional <br> support for the next <br> grade/course | Proficient: <br> Likely to excel in the <br> next grade/course | Mastery: <br> Highly likely to excel <br> in the next <br> grade/course |

Score reports also indicate how a student's performance compares to that of other students who took the same test in the school, district, and state.

## Passing Scores and Alternate Passing Scores

For all grade levels and subjects, the minimum scale score in performance level 3 is identified as the passing score. For the assessments that are graduation requirements, students must achieve the passing score to meet that requirement.

Students who took the grade 10 FSA ELA, Algebra 1 EOC, and Geometry EOC in the spring 2015 FSA baseline administration are eligible to use an alternate passing score to meet the passing requirement on these assessments (for Geometry, a passing score is required for students to qualify for the Scholar Designation but is not a graduation requirement). The alternate passing scores are linked to the passing scores on the previous statewide assessments (the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, or NGSSS, assessments). Passing scores, alternate passing scores, and comparative score options are explained in Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments.

## Reporting Category Performance Details

Reporting category performance is conveyed by displaying the Points Earned and the Points Possible for each category. Reporting categories represent groups of similar student skills, or benchmarks, that are assessed within each grade and subject.

## FSA Student, School, District, and State Reports

Table 2: FSA Reports, Format of Delivery, and Grades

|  | FSA Report Title | Format of Delivery | Grades | Page of Report Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ELA Student Report | Paper | 3-9 | 7 |
|  | Mathematics Student Report | Paper | 3-8 | 7 |
|  | Algebra 2 and Geometry EOC Student Report | Paper | Algebra 2 and Geometry | 7 |
|  | ELA Grade10 and Algebra 1 EOC Student Report | Paper | 10 and Algebra 1 | 7-8 |
|  | ELA School Report of Students | Online | 3-10 | $\underline{9}$ |
|  | Mathematics School Report of Students | Online | 3-8 | $\underline{9}$ |
|  | EOC School Report of Students | Online | Algebra 1, Geometry, \& Algebra 2 | 10 |
|  | ELA District Report of Schools | Online | 3-10 | 12 |
|  | Mathematics District Report of Schools | Online | 3-8 | 12 |
|  | Algebra 1 EOC District Report of Schools | Online | All | 12 |
|  | Geometry EOC District Report of Schools | Online | All | 12 |
|  | Algebra 2 EOC District Report of Schools | Online | All | 12 |
|  | ELA District Summary | Online | 3-10 | 13-14 |
|  | Mathematics District Summary | Online | 3-8 | 13-14 |
|  | Algebra 1 EOC District Summary | Online | All | 13-14 |
|  | Geometry EOC District Summary | Online | All | 13-14 |
|  | Algebra 2 EOC District Summary | Online | All | 13-14 |
| słıodəy әłełS | ELA State Report of Districts | Online | 3-10 | 15 |
|  | Mathematics State Report of Districts | Online | 3-8 | 15 |
|  | Algebra 1 EOC State Report of Districts | Online | All | 15 |
|  | Geometry EOC State Report of Districts | Online | All | 15 |
|  | Algebra 2 EOC State Report of Districts | Online | All | 15 |
|  | ELA State Summary | Online | 3-10 | 16 |
|  | Mathematics State Summary | Online | 3-8 | 16 |
|  | Algebra 1 EOC State Summary | Online | All | 16 |
|  | Geometry EOC State Summary | Online | All | 16 |
|  | Algebra 2 EOC State Summary | Online | All | 16 |

## Codes for No Data Reported

The following abbreviations may appear on some student-level educator reports.
NR (Not Reported) indicates that no data are reported for the student. Reports containing student results will indicate that no data are reported for one of the following reasons:

- NR2—Did Not Meet Attemptedness
- NR3-Marked Do Not Score
- NR5-Below-Grade Tester
- NR6-Duplicate Record
- NR7-FDOE Hold
- NR8-Caveon Invalidated

In the FSA Reporting System, the above NR condition codes will appear in the scale score column of the School Report of Students for Mathematics grades 3-8, Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC, and Algebra 2 EOC.

For ELA grades 3-10, an NR code will be displayed on the PDF School Report of Students for students whose scores are not reported. Since the ELA reporting code is determined by both the ELA Reading and ELA Writing score flags, the reporting code does not list a flag number as it does for Mathematics and EOCs. However, the score flag information for ELA Reading and ELA Writing will be available in the District Student Results files as well as in the Excel version of the School Report of Students in the FSA Reporting System. Two separate columns will display the ELA Reading score flag and the ELA Writing score flag for grades $4-10$ so that schools and districts can better understand why the student's score was not reported. Grade 3 ELA will have an ELA Reading score flag populated, while the ELA Writing score flag field will remain blank. Since the grade 3 ELA test takers only test in Reading, please use the corresponding score flag for information on their score.

A dash (-) on the reports indicates that either no data are reported because fewer than 10 students were tested or that all students fell into the same performance level and all students either passed or failed. To provide meaningful results and to protect the privacy of individual students, data are reported only when the total number of students in a group is at least 10 and when the performance of individuals cannot be determined.

## FSA ELA, Mathematics, and EOC Student Reports

## All Subjects and Grade Levels

Readers should have their FSA Mathematics Student Report (grades 3-8), FSA ELA Student Report (grades 3-9), or FSA EOC Student Report (Geometry and Algebra 2) when reviewing and interpreting information provided in this section. The FSA ELA Grade 10 and Algebra 1 EOC Student Reports are very similar to the below report, and the one difference is explained on the following page.

The FSA ELA, Mathematics, and EOC Student Report is a one-page color report. The report provides general information about the FSA program and resources for students as well as the student's 2016 FSA results, including the student's scale score, performance level, and reporting category scores. The information on this report is listed in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.


1 Top of Report: The test, student, school, and district are identified on the top of the report.
(2) Purpose of This Report: Description of the FSA and resources for teachers, students, and parents. On certain reports, and where appropriate, this section includes additional information regarding graduation and scholar designation requirements, and alternate passing scores.

3 Performance Level \& Scale Score: An icon displays the student's performance level. Next to the icon, a statement provides further information regarding the performance level and charts the scale score on a graph. The performance level information is translated into Spanish and Haitian Creole.

4 Performance Details: A table lists the FSA ELA, Mathematics, or EOC reporting categories assessed. The Points Earned column shows the actual number of points earned by answering questions correctly in each of the reporting categories. The Points Possible column provides the total number of points possible for each of the reporting categories.
(5) Performance Compared: A table lists the percentage of students in each performance level in the student's school, district, and the state. The performance level in which the student scored is highlighted.

## Performance Level Indicators

Performance levels are indicated by both number and color for easy interpretation. The figure below displays each of the levels from 1 (Inadequate) to 5 (Mastery).


## ELA Grade 10 and Algebra 1 EOC

Achieving a passing score on the Grade 10 ELA and Algebra 1 EOC is a graduation requirement. Therefore, in addition to the above interpretive information, a statement appears on these reports indicating whether the student met the graduation requirement.


## FSA ELA and Mathematics School Report of Students

Readers must log in to the FSA Reporting System to access and view their FSA ELA, Mathematics, or EOC School Report of Students. Only authorized district and school personnel may access this report in the FSA Reporting System, since it contains confidential student information.

## All Subjects and Grade Levels (except all EOC)

Readers should view their FSA ELA or Mathematics School Reports of Students (grades 3-8) or FSA ELA School Reports of Students (grades 3-10) when reviewing and interpreting information provided in this section. FSA EOC School Reports of Students are explained on the following page.

(1) Top of Report: The subject, title of the report, and administration are printed on the top left of the report. School and district information are listed on the top middle of the report.
(2) Report Results Table: A table lists the grade of students included in the report. Each student's name, student ID (SID), and Scale Score are listed on the left side of the report. A Performance Level of 15 ( 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest) and the Points Earned/Points Possible by content area are also reported. The scale score ranges for each Performance Level are indicated in the subheading of the Performance Level Column. Note: A passing indicator is listed only on the ELA reports and will display NA for all grades except grade 10.
(3) Bottom of Report: Important footnotes on how to read the results in the table are included at the bottom of the report, along with the page number of the report and the month and year the results were released.

FSA Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 EOC
Readers should view their EOC School Report of Students when reviewing and interpreting information provided in this section.


1 Top of Report: The subject, title of the report, and administration are printed on the top left of the report.
School and district information are listed on the top middle of the report.
(2) Report Results Table: Each student's name, SID, and Scale Score are listed by grade. A passing indicator is listed on the Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 reports. The remainder of the row includes each student's reported Core Test Form, performance level, and the Points Earned/Points Possible by content area.
(3) Bottom of Report: Important footnotes on how to read the results in the table are included here, along with the page number of the report and the month and year the results were released.

FSA ELA, Mathematics, and EOC State and District Reports of Results
Readers should have one of the following FSA ELA, Mathematics, or EOC reports when reviewing and interpreting information provided in this section: District Report of Schools, District Summary, State Report of Districts, and/or State Summary. These reports (shown on the following pages) are formatted similarly and include the following features:
(1) Top of Report: The subject, title of the report, and administration are printed on the top left of the report. District and school information, as applicable, is listed on the top middle of the report.
(2) Report Results Table: Identifying information for the district or school is provided in the first column. On the District Summary and State Summary, the grade level for the data is provided in this column as well. The number of students tested appears in the second column of all reports. The Mean Scale Score is provided in the third column and the Percentage Passing, if available, is provided in the fourth column. The percentage of students in each Performance Level is provided on the right side of the table along with a percentage of the passing levels (Levels 35).
(3) Bottom of Report: Important footnotes on how to read the results in the table are included here, along with the page number of the report and the month and year the results were released. The District Summary and State Summary reports also include a table of the scale score ranges for each performance level by grade.

## District Report of Schools



## District Summary Report: Page 1




## State Report of Districts




## FSA Reporting Categories

The content of each FSA ELA, Mathematics, and EOC assessment is organized by reporting categories that are used for test design, scoring, and reporting purposes. Reporting categories group the assessed student knowledge and skills into broad content areas. Definitions for each reporting category for each of the FSA assessments are provided below.

## FSA ELA Reporting Categories

FSA ELA measures student achievement of the Florida Standards in English Language Arts. For all grade levels tested, FSA ELA assesses what students know and are able to do in the broad reporting categories listed below. The difficulty of the concepts assessed on FSA ELA progresses systematically from grade to grade, as does the complexity of the text presented to the student at each grade level.

## Grade 3

- Key Ideas and Details

Students read closely to comprehend, analyze, and summarize essential information and concepts, referencing evidence from the text to support inferences and conclusions.

- Craft Structure

Students interpret literal and nonliteral meanings of words/phrases. They determine how text structures and text features impact meaning. They distinguish personal point of view from that of the narrator or author.

- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Students integrate and analyze content presented in diverse media formats. They analyze treatment of similar themes or topics.

- Language and Editing

Students demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

## Grades 4-5

- Key Ideas and Details

Students read closely to comprehend, analyze, and summarize essential information and concepts, citing textual evidence to support inferences and conclusions.

- Craft and Structure

Students interpret connotative and figurative meanings of words/phrases. They analyze how text structures and text features impact the text. They determine the effects of point of view or purpose.

- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Students integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media formats. They analyze the treatment of similar themes or topics and how the author uses reasons and evidence to support points.

- Language and Editing

Students demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

- Text-Based Writing

Students draw relevant evidence from various texts to support a claim or controlling idea. They produce clear and coherent writing with development, organization, and style appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

## Grades 6-10

- Key Ideas and Details

Students read closely to understand information. They cite textual evidence to support inferences/conclusions. They analyze development and interaction of central ideas, themes, individuals, events, or ideas. They summarize key concepts.

- Craft and Structure

Students interpret connotative and figurative meanings of words/phrases. They analyze how word choice affects meaning/ tone and how text structures impact the text. They determine the effects of point of view or purpose.

- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Students integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media formats. They evaluate arguments for claims, validity, relevance, and sufficient evidence. They analyze treatment of similar themes or topics.

- Language and Editing

Students demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

- Text-Based Writing

Students draw relevant evidence from various texts to support a claim or controlling idea. They produce clear and coherent writing with development, organization, and style appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

## FSA Mathematics Reporting Categories

FSA Mathematics measures student achievement of the Florida Standards in Mathematics. For all grade levels tested, FSA Mathematics assesses what students know and are able to do in the broad reporting categories listed below. The difficulty of the concepts assessed on FSA Mathematics progresses systematically from grade to grade, as does the complexity of the numerals and mathematical operations included at each grade level.

## Grade 3

- Operations, Algebraic Thinking, and Numbers in Base Ten

Students represent and solve problems involving multiplication and division. They understand properties of multiplication and the relationship between multiplication and division. They multiply and divide within 100. They solve problems involving the four operations, and identify and explain patterns in arithmetic. They use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.

- Numbers and Operations-Fractions

Students develop understanding of fractions as numbers.

- Measurement, Data, and Geometry

Students solve problems involving measurement and estimation of intervals of time, liquid volumes, and masses of objects. They represent and interpret data. They understand concepts of area and relate area to multiplication and addition. They recognize perimeter as an attribute of plane figures and distinguish between linear and area measures. They reason with shapes and their attributes.

## Grade 4

- Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Students use the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems. They gain familiarity with factors and multiples. They generate and analyze patterns.

- Numbers and Operations in Base Ten

Students generalize place value understanding for multi-digit whole numbers. They use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.

- Numbers and Operations-Fractions

Students extend understanding of fraction equivalence and ordering. They build fractions from unit fractions by applying and extending previous understandings of operations on whole numbers. They understand decimal notation for fractions and compare decimal fractions.

- Measurement, Data, and Geometry

Students solve problems involving measurement and conversion of measurements from a larger unit to a smaller unit. They represent and interpret data. They understand concepts of angle and measure angles. They draw and identify lines and angles and classify shapes by properties of their lines and angles.

## Grade 5

- Operations, Algebraic Thinking, and Fractions

Students write and interpret numerical expressions. They analyze patterns and relationships. They use equivalent fractions as a strategy to add and subtract fractions. They apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division to multiply and divide fractions.

- Numbers and Operations in Base Ten

Students understand the place value system. They perform operations with multi-digit whole numbers and decimals to hundredths.

- Measurement, Data, and Geometry

Students convert like measurement units within a given measurement system. They represent and interpret data. They understand concepts of volume and relate volume to multiplication and addition. They graph points on the coordinate plane to solve real-world and mathematical problems. They classify two-dimensional figures into categories based on their properties.

## Grade 6

- Ratio and Proportional Relationships

Students understand ratio concepts and use ratio reasoning to solve problems.

- Expressions and Equations

Students apply and extend previous understandings of arithmetic to algebraic expressions. They reason about and solve one-variable equations and inequalities. They represent and analyze quantitative relationships between dependent and independent variables.

- Geometry

Students solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, surface area, and volume.

- Statistics and Probability

Students develop understanding of statistical variability. They summarize and describe distributions.

- The Number System

Students apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division to divide fractions by fractions. They compute fluently with multi-digit numbers and find common factors and multiples. They apply and extend previous understandings of numbers to the system of rational numbers.

## Grade 7

- Ratio and Proportional Relationships

Students analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.

- Expressions and Equations

Students use properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions. They solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations.

- Geometry

Students draw, construct, and describe geometrical figures and describe the relationships between them. They solve real-life and mathematical problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume.

- Statistics and Probability

Students use random sampling to draw inferences about a population. They draw informal comparative inferences about two populations. They investigate chance processes and develop, use, and evaluate probability models.

- The Number System

Students apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.

## Grade 8

- Expressions and Equations

Students work with radicals and integer exponents. They understand the connections between proportional relationships, lines, and linear equations.

- Functions

Students define, evaluate, and compare functions. They use functions to model relationships between quantities.

- Geometry

Students understand congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies, or geometry software. They understand and apply the Pythagorean theorem. They solve real-world and mathematical problems involving volume of cylinders, cones, and spheres.

- Statistics and Probability and the Number System

Students investigate patterns of association in bivariate data. They know that there are numbers that are not rational and approximate them by rational numbers.

## FSA EOC Reporting Categories

The content of the Florida EOC Assessments is organized by reporting categories that are used for test design, scoring, and reporting purposes. Reporting categories group the assessed student knowledge and skills into broad content areas. Definitions for each reporting category are provided below for each of the 2016 EOC assessments.

## Algebra 1

- Algebra and Modeling

Students perform operations on polynomials. They understand the relationship between zeros and factors of polynomials. They use mathematical structure of expressions. They create and solve equations and inequalities. They reasons with equations and inequalities. They choose and use appropriate mathematics to model situations.

- Functions and Modeling

Students understand the concept of a function. They interpret functions and key features in a context. They analyze and graph functions. They build a function that models a relationship. They construct linear, quadratic, and exponential functions. They solve problems using functions.

- Statistics and the Number System

Students extend the properties of exponents to rational exponents. They use properties of rational and irrational numbers. They summarize, represent, and interpret data for one- and two-variable data. They interpret linear models.

## Geometry

- Congruence, Similarity, Right Triangles, and Trigonometry

Students understand congruence and similarity in terms of transformations. They prove and use geometric theorems. They demonstrate geometric constructions. They define trigonometric ratios. They solve problems involving right triangles. They use congruence and similarity criteria for triangles.

- Circles, Geometric Measurement, and Geometric Properties with Equations

Students prove and apply theorems about circles. They find arc lengths and areas of sectors. They derive the equation of a circle. They use coordinates to prove theorems and to solve problems algebraically. They explain and use volume formulas.

- Modeling with Geometry

Students apply geometric concepts in modeling situations.

## Algebra 2

- Algebra and Modeling

Students perform operations on polynomials. They prove polynomial identities. They understand the relationship between zeros and factors of polynomials. They use mathematical structure of expressions. They create and solve equations. They reason with equations and inequalities. They use appropriate mathematics to model situations.

- Functions and Modeling

Students write arithmetic and geometric sequences. They interpret functions and key features in a context. They analyze and graph functions. They build a function that models a relationship. They solve problems using functions. They apply right triangle trigonometry to the unit circle.

- Statistics, Probability, and the Number System

Students perform operations with complex numbers. They extend the properties of exponents to rational exponents. They model and analyze situations using statistics. They understand conditional probability. They use rules of probability.

## Glossary

Note: Terms defined in this glossary that have been cross-referenced appear in bold text the first time they are referenced in a definition other than their own.

Achievement Levels-Also referred to as performance levels, five categories of achievement that represent the success students demonstrate with the content assessed. The achievement levels are helpful in interpreting what a student's score represents. Achievement levels range from 1 to 5 , with Level 1 being the lowest and Level 5 being the highest. Achieving a score in Level 3 or higher is considered satisfactory. The minimum score in Level 3 is the passing score for each assessment.

Achievement Level Cut Scores-The minimum scale scores (cut score) for placement in each of the five achievement levels. The cut scores are established through a process called Standard Setting and were established in State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.09422.

Alternate Passing Score-The passing score that students who participated in the baseline administration (prior to the establishment of achievement level cut scores) may use to meet the graduation requirement of passing the Grade 10 ELA and Algebra 1 EOC (or to receive the scholar designation by passing the Geometry EOC).

Baseline Administration-The first administration of new assessments aligned to statewide standards. The FSA baseline administration took place in spring 2015. Student results from the baseline administration are used in the process of standard setting.

CBT Tools-Tools available to students in the computer-based testing platform. CBT tools vary slightly depending on the subject area. Readers should refer to the Test Administration User Guide for a list of FSA CBT tools provided on all computer-based tests.

Computer-Based Testing (CBT)—Most Florida statewide assessments are computer-based. In 2016, the FSA Grades 810 ELA Writing, Grades 4-10 ELA Reading, Grades 5-8 Mathematics, Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC, and Algebra 2 EOC were given in a computer-based format, with paper-based accommodations provided for eligible students. When taking the test on the computer, students make their answer choices using the mouse or keyboard, and they may use various CBT tools as they respond. Once they have completed the test, they submit their answers electronically. Before exiting the assessment and submitting their responses, students are taken to a screen that identifies questions that are answered, unanswered, and marked for review.

FSA Reporting System - The system used to access student, school, district, and state score reports. Only authorized users have access to this system.

Items-Test questions that students are required to answer. Information about item types are included in the Test Item Specifications available on the FSA Portal. In addition, student practice tests (also available on the portal) include all possible item types students may encounter on a test.

Mean-An average of the individual scores that describes the performance of a group of students. The mean is computed by finding the sum of all scores and dividing by the number of scores used in the sum.

Mean Scale Score-The calculated mean scale score of all students at the school, district, or state level.

Passing Score-The minimum scale score in achievement level 3 for each grade and subject.
Percent Passing-The percentage of students in the district or the state that achieve a scale score at or above the passing score for each assessment. Percent passing is only reported on district and state summary reports.

## Performance Level—See Achievement Levels.

Points Earned—See Reporting Category Scores.
Points Possible-The number of "Points Possible" is the sum of the maximum scores for items measuring a given reporting category. The number of points possible in a reporting category may change slightly each year.

Reporting Category-Broad content areas into which the assessed student knowledge and skills are grouped.

Reporting Category Scores-The sum of the scores for items measuring a given reporting category. Reporting category scores are also referred to as raw scores.

Scale Score-A scale score is used to report student results on the entire test on the FSA scale. Overall theta scores are converted to the scale score in order to reflect the student's achievement level.

Standard Setting - The process by which achievement level cut scores are established. Standard setting is based on input from educators, community and business leaders, and the public, as well as the state's education leadership.

State Mean-The average scale score for each grade and subject used for comparison purposes. Individual student scores, school mean scores, or district mean scores can be compared to the state mean.

Subject Area-The information or skills contained in an area of study. The subject areas assessed in the 2016 FSA are ELA and Mathematics.

Theta-Theta scores are generated using "pattern scoring," a method which scores students depending on how they answer individual items.

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