

# Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT / FCAT 2.0) Retake

## Grades/Students

All eligible students in grades 10+ - 13 and adult education students.

## Date

Administered in the Fall and Spring of each school year.

## Description

The FCAT / FCAT 2.0 Retake assessments in Reading and Mathematics serve as graduation tests for students seeking a standard diploma. The FCAT / FCAT 2.0 graduation tests are administered for the first time to all students in grade 10 in the Spring. Students in grades 10+ and above who have not previously passed the FCAT / FCAT 2.0 graduation test have further opportunities to participate in retake administrations in the Fall and Spring of each school year.

The FCAT / FCAT 2.0 graduation tests in Reading and Mathematics are standardized, criterion-referenced tests. The FCAT Reading and Mathematics Retake assess student achievement on selected benchmarks, as defined by the Sunshine State Standards (SSS), while the FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake will assess the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS).

For the 2011-12 school year, the FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake and the FCAT Mathematics Retake will be offered in computer-based testing format only, with paper-based accommodation for eligible students. The FCAT Reading Retake will be available to schools in either paper/pencil or computer-based format. In addition, FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake will be administered for the first time to first year juniors.

For students who are retaking one or both portions of the Reading and Mathematics tests in grades 10+ and above, the Retake format of the tests includes multiple-choice and gridded-response items only. Students may use calculators on the Mathematics Retake test.

## Results

Scale scores (SS) ranging from 100 to 500, developmental scale scores (DSS) from 0 to 3000 and content cluster scores are reported. Achievement levels that are based on students' scale scores and reflect levels of student proficiency are also reported. Achievement levels are designated as Level 1 (lowest) to Level 5 (highest). Results from the retake administrations are generally available six to eight weeks after the administration.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2004 and up to 2011, the required passing scores for graduation are SS 300 / DSS 1926 in Reading and SS 300 / DSS 1889 in Mathematics. Beginning in 2011-12, the graduation requirement of FCAT Math will be discontinued. Students would have to pass the end-of-course assessment to earn course credit for specific courses.

## Basis of Test

State mandate.

## Website

<http://fcat.fldoe.org/>

## Local Contact

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