

Parents' Right-To-Know – Testing Transparency

In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), this serves as notification that you have the right to request information regarding State of Florida or Columbia County School District assessments.

Important Assessment Information

Q: What are the subject matters that are assessed in both State of Florida and Columbia County School District assessments?

A: The assessments cover academic subjects in English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. For a complete listing of state and district assessments, please click here: [Assessments](#)

Q: What is the purpose for which the assessments are designed and used?

A: The purpose is to measure student achievement of Florida's academic standards. There are required uses for the measurement include third grade retention; high school standard diploma; EOC assessments as 30% of course grade; school grades; school improvement rating; district grades; differentiated accountability; scholar designation; federal reporting; Credit Acceleration Program (CAP); school improvement plans; school district, state, and federal reporting. In addition, the district monitoring assessments are used in accordance with student progress plans. For a more complete list of assessment and their purpose, please click here: [Assessment Purpose](#)

Q: What is the source of the requirement for the assessment(s)?

A: Florida State Statute 1008.22 – Student Assessment Program for Public Schools is the source for the requirement for assessment(s). To view the Florida State Statute, please click here: [FS 1008.22](#)

Q: What is the amount of time students will spend taking the assessments?

A: The time that it takes for each assessment varies by grade level and subject area being assessed. For a complete listing of administration time for each assessment, please click here: [Assessment Time](#)

Q: What is the schedule for each assessment?

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A: Please click the following links for the 2023 – 24 Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar. The assessment dates are located in the column titled “District Window in charts 3, 4, and 5. To view the 2023 – 24 Uniform Statewide Assessment calendar, please click here: [Assessment Calendar](#)

Q: When will the state and/or district monitoring assessment results be released to parents?

A. According to FS 1008.22 (7)(a) statewide, standardized assessment results must be made available no later than June 30, except for results for the grade 3 statewide standardized ELA assessment which must be made available no later than May 31, unless the commissioner determines that extenuating circumstances exist concerning the release of statewide assessment results and reports the circumstances to the State Board of Education.

Each school will make the statewide assessment results available to parents after the district has received and documented the results of the reports. The school district will release information to the local newspaper as well as use the phone call out system to advise parents that the statewide assessments are available for pick-up at their child's respective school.

FS 1008.22 (7)(g) A school district must provide a student's performance results on district-required monitoring assessments to the student's parents no later than 30 days after administering such assessments, unless the superintendent determines in writing that extenuating circumstances exist and reports the circumstances to the district school board.

Each school will make the results of the progress monitoring assessments administered by the Columbia County School District available at parent conferences and/or by sending the reports home.

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