

Understanding Your Child's 2014-15 Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) Score

Parents,

Included are your child's 2014-15 Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) Scores. In years past, the FCAT 2.0 results were reported using scale scores and achievement levels (1-5). As you know, this past Spring was the first time the Florida Standards Assessments were administered to students in Florida. Because of this, the test must go through a standard setting process before achievement levels can be set. This process is due to be completed by January 2016. Therefore, no achievement levels are being reported with your child's results. Instead, you will find a t-score, percentile rank, and points earned in specific reporting categories on the student report. Below is some information to help you interpret the scores reported on your child's report.

1. What are the Florida Standards and the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)?

The Florida Standards were adopted by the State Board of Education in February 2014, after a process of public input and review, emphasizing preparation for college and career success. With new, more rigorous Florida Standards in place, the FCAT 2.0 no longer serves the purpose of measuring student progress and achievement. The Florida Standards Assessment, called the FSA, measures the new Florida Standards.

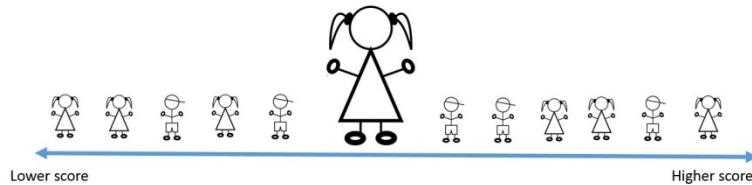
2. What subjects/grade levels take the FSA?

The following subjects/grade levels take the FSA:

- FSA English Language Arts (ELA): Grades 3-10
- FSA Mathematics: Grades 3-8
- FSA Algebra 1 End of Course exam (EOC): Students enrolled in Algebra 1 course
- FSA Algebra 2 EOC: Students enrolled in Algebra 2 course
- FSA Geometry EOC: Students enrolled in Geometry course

3. What is a percentile rank?

A percentile rank tells you what percent of other students in the state of Florida earned the same or lower score on the test.

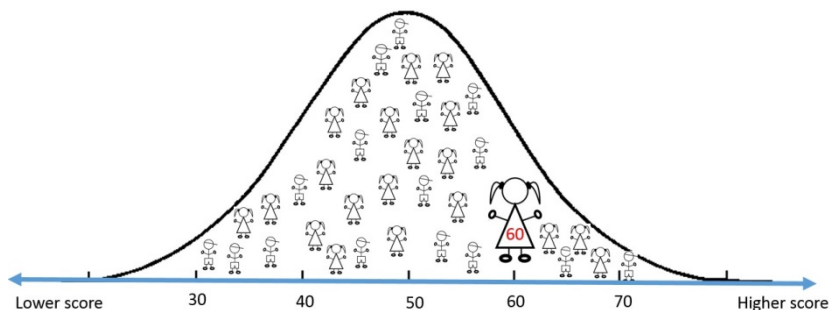


4. What is a t-score?

A t-score is another way of reporting percentile rank. T scores range from 20 (lowest possible score) to 80 (highest possible score). The mean t-score, or midpoint t-score, is 50. This means that a student who earns a t-score of 50 scored better than half of the students in the state who took the test and scored lower than half of the students in the state who took the test.

5. What is an example of a t-score and what does it mean?

Emma received a t-score of 60, which is equal to a score of the 84th percentile. This means that 84 percent of students scored lower than Emma on the test, and 16 percent of students scored higher than Emma on the test.



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6. When will my child receive an achievement level (1-5) score for the FSA?

Beginning in 2015-16, students who take the FSA in the spring administration will receive an achievement level score ranging from 1-5.

Just like with the FCAT 2.0, a score of achievement level 3 is an on-grade-level, proficient score.

7. My child took the Grade 10 English Language Arts FSA or the Algebra 1 EOC, both of which are graduation requirements. How will I know if my child met the graduation requirement?

In addition to the percentile rank, your child's report will have a statement about whether he or she met the graduation requirement. Students who do not meet the graduation requirements will need to participate in retake testing.

