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July 11, 2011

## MEMORANDUM

To: School District Superintendents

From: Kris Ellington, Deputy Commissioner <sup>KE</sup>  
Accountability, Research, and Measurement

Subject: Revisions to the 2011-12 Statewide Assessment Schedule

The purpose of this memorandum is to outline and explain changes to the statewide 2011-12 Spring Retake, Grade 3, and End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment schedules. In making adjustments to the schedules, timely reporting in order to make end-of-year decisions is the paramount consideration. While making changes to meet this goal, we also considered the logistical needs of districts based on different semester end dates and tried to accommodate these constraints without defying statutory requirements. A revised 2011-12 statewide assessment calendar reflecting these changes is included at the end of this memorandum.

### Semester One Algebra 1 EOC Assessment Administration

Current Testing Schedule: **December 12-16, 2011**  
OR  
**January 16-20, 2012**

Revised Testing Schedule: **December 5-9 AND December 12-16, 2011**  
OR  
**January 9-13 AND January 16-20, 2012**

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The current statutory language regarding Semester One administrations states: *For an end-of-course assessment administered at the end of the first semester, the commissioner shall determine the most appropriate testing dates based on a school district's academic calendar.*

Given the flexibility allowed in this language and requests we have already received from districts based on their varying semester end dates, the addition of the two proposed weeks is both feasible and beneficial. Schools may need the extra time, as many did this spring, to accommodate computer-based testing (CBT); in addition, Monday, January 16, is a federal holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).

As was the case this spring, all districts will plan to complete testing in one selected week, but will be permitted to use up to two weeks if needed.

### **Spring FCAT Mathematics Retake and FCAT/FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake Administration**

Current Testing Schedule: **April 16-27, 2012**

Revised Testing Schedule: **April 9-20, 2012**

The April 20 end date for Retakes will ensure timely reporting prior to most district graduations. Also, with the addition of CBT Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading in Spring 2012, high schools will be administering three mandatory computer-based tests at this time. Scheduling Retakes to begin a week prior to the FCAT 2.0 window will allow more scheduling flexibility for Grade 10 Reading during the April 16-27 window.

### **Spring 2012 Grade 3 FCAT 2.0 Reading and Mathematics Administration**

Current Testing Schedule: **April 16-27, 2012**

Revised Testing Schedule: **April 16-24, 2012**

Concluding Grade 3 testing on Tuesday, April 24, will give schools time to prepare materials to be picked up with all Retake materials on Friday, April 27. This early return will allow for an accelerated reporting schedule for Grade 3.

Make-up tests for Grade 3 students may be scheduled through Friday, April 27, if necessary, but scores for tests returned after April 27 will be included in late reporting.

## **Semester Two Algebra 1, Biology 1, and Geometry EOC Assessments and U.S. History EOC Field Test Administrations**

Current Testing Schedule: Algebra 1, Biology 1, and Geometry – **May 7-25, 2012**  
(districts select week per subject)

U.S. History Field Test – **April 30-June 1, 2012**  
(districts select week)

Revised Testing Schedule: Biology 1 and Geometry – **April 23\*-May 11\*\*, 2012**  
Algebra 1 – **April 30-May 18\*\*, 2012**  
U.S. History Field Test – **April 23\*-June 1, 2012**

\* Second week of FCAT/FCAT 2.0 administration

\*\* All testing must be completed statewide to meet reporting deadlines

This schedule will allow for timely reporting of scores needed to calculate student course grades (Biology 1 and Geometry) or determine pass/fail status (Algebra 1). The average 2012 school end date is June 4. The testing deadline of May 11 for Biology 1 and Geometry was set to prioritize the release of these results as they are needed by districts to calculate final course grades for students. The Algebra 1 deadline follows on May 18 to ensure reporting of these results prior to most school end dates. The start dates for these administrations have been adjusted so each subject still has a three-week window.

For U.S. History, the week of April 23-27 was added to give schools more time to complete field testing.

### **Summer EOC Administration**

Beginning in the 2012-13 school year, we will be eliminating the December Semester One EOC administration in order to offer a summer administration. A July or August administration has been discussed among various advisory groups, and preferences vary based on several concerns. A July administration would allow for scores to be reported in time to make placement decisions for students prior to the beginning of the school year, but a concern was raised that it may be more difficult for students to return to take the test. An August administration would allow for more time for remediation over the summer and students may be more likely to participate than in July, but scores would be reported after many students start school and are placed in classes.

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After evaluating these concerns, as well as reporting timelines, it is our recommendation to conduct a two-week EOC administration during the last two weeks of July, to first be implemented in July 2012. This schedule will allow scores to be reported by mid-August so placement decisions may be made for most students prior to school start dates. For the 2012-

13 school year and beyond, the Semester One EOC administration will occur during a two-week window in January only.

The above changes were used as a model to build the 2012-13 Statewide Assessment Schedule draft, included at the end of this memorandum. The official 2012-13 schedule will be released

by the Commissioner no later than August 1, 2011. An official revised 2011-12 schedule will also be released at that time.

We welcome your comments or questions regarding these schedule changes. Please submit them to Susie Lee in the Bureau of K-12 Assessment at [Susan.Lee@fldoe.org](mailto:Susan.Lee@fldoe.org) no later than July 20, 2011. If you submit concerns regarding any portion of the above changes, please specify which portion and describe your issues in detail.

Thank you for your continued efforts to accommodate changes and challenges in our statewide assessment program as we work together to best serve Florida students.

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# FLORIDA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

## 2011 – 2012 SCHEDULE

### FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST<sup>®</sup> FCAT SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS (SSS) / FCAT 2.0 NEXT GENERATION SSS

OCTOBER 10 – 14, 2011 OR OCTOBER 17 – 21, 2011	GRADES 11–ADULT*	FCAT READING & MATHEMATICS FCAT 2.0 READING RETAKES
DECEMBER 6 –7, 2011	GRADES 4, 8, AND 10	FCAT WRITING PROMPT FIELD TEST
FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 1, 2012	GRADES 4, 8, AND 10	FCAT WRITING
APRIL 9 – 20, 2012	GRADES 11–ADULT*	FCAT READING & MATHEMATICS FCAT 2.0 READING RETAKES
APRIL 16 – 27, 2012	GRADES 3**–10 GRADES 3**–8 GRADES 5 AND 8	FCAT 2.0 READING FCAT 2.0 MATHEMATICS FCAT 2.0 SCIENCE

\*POLICIES PERTAINING TO PARTICIPATION OF RETAINED GRADE 10 STUDENTS MAY BE FOUND IN THE TEST ADMINISTRATION MANUAL FOR EACH ADMINISTRATION.

\*\* GRADE 3 TESTING MUST BE COMPLETED BY TUESDAY, APRIL 24, AND ALL GRADE 3 MATERIALS MUST BE RETURNED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 27.

### FLORIDA END-OF-COURSE (EOC) ASSESSMENTS

DECEMBER 5 – 16, 2011 OR JANUARY 9 – 20, 2012	ALGEBRA 1 EOC ASSESSMENT
APRIL 23 – MAY 11, 2012	BIOLOGY 1 EOC ASSESSMENT GEOMETRY EOC ASSESSMENT
APRIL 23 – JUNE 1, 2012	U.S. HISTORY EOC FIELD TEST
APRIL 30 – MAY 18, 2012	ALGEBRA 1 EOC ASSESSMENT

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### OTHER STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS

#### NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP) (SELECTED SCHOOLS)

**OCTOBER 10 – DECEMBER 16, 2011**

**13-YEAR-OLD STUDENTS - LONG-TERM TREND ASSESSMENT**

**JANUARY 9 – MARCH 16, 2012**

**9-YEAR-OLD STUDENTS - LONG-TERM TREND ASSESSMENT**

**March 19 – May 25, 2012**

**17-YEAR-OLD STUDENTS -LONG-TERM TREND ASSESSMENT**

**January 23 – February 23, 2012**

**GRADE 12 - NAEP ECONOMICS, READING, & MATHEMATICS**

**GRADE 4 - NAEP COMPUTER-BASED WRITING ASSESSMENT**

**AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2011**

FIRST 30 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS BASED  
ON SCHOOL START DATE

**FLORIDA KINDERGARTEN READINESS SCREENING (FLKRS)**

**AUGUST 2011 – MAY 2012**

INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS 6-40; 66-100;  
136-170 BASED ON SCHOOL START DATE

**FLORIDA ASSESSMENT FOR INSTRUCTION IN READING (FAIR) (OPTIONAL)  
GRADES K-12**

**SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2011**

**PLAN<sup>®</sup>** (OPTIONAL FOR STUDENTS)  
DISTRICT SELECTION

**OCTOBER 2011**

**PRELIMINARY SAT (PSAT<sup>®</sup>)** (OPTIONAL FOR STUDENTS)  
DISTRICT SELECTION

**JANUARY 9 – MARCH 5, 2012**

**FLORIDA ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH  
SIGNIFICANT COGNITIVE DISABILITIES**

**MARCH 5 – APRIL 6, 2012**

**COMPREHENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING ASSESSMENT (CELLA)**

**MAY 2012**

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS**

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## 2012 – 2013 SCHEDULE

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DECEMBER 4 – 5, 2012	GRADES 4, 8, AND 10	FCAT 2.0 WRITING PROMPT FIELD TEST
FEBRUARY 26 – 28, 2013	GRADES 4, 8, AND 10	FCAT 2.0 WRITING
APRIL 8 – 19, 2013	GRADES 11–ADULT*	FCAT MATHEMATICS FCAT 2.0 READING RETAKES
APRIL 15 – 26, 2013	GRADES 3**–10 GRADES 3**–8 GRADES 5 AND 8	FCAT 2.0 READING FCAT 2.0 MATHEMATICS FCAT 2.0 SCIENCE

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JANUARY 7 – 18, 2013	ALGEBRA 1, BIOLOGY 1, GEOMETRY EOC ASSESSMENTS
APRIL 22 – MAY 10, 2013	U.S. HISTORY EOC ASSESSMENT
APRIL 29 – MAY 17, 2013	ALGEBRA 1, BIOLOGY 1, GEOMETRY EOC ASSESSMENTS
APRIL 29 – JUNE 7, 2013	CIVICS EOC FIELD TEST

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### OTHER STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS

**JANUARY 28 – MARCH 8, 2013**

**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP)**  
(SELECTED SCHOOLS ONLY)  
**GRADES 4, 8, AND 12 – READING AND MATHEMATICS**  
**GRADE 4 COMPUTER-BASED WRITING ASSESSMENT**

**September 24 – November 2, 2012**

**Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)**

**AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2012**

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ON SCHOOL START DATE

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