



GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

Understanding 3rd Grade State Assessment and Graduation Requirements

This summer, the Florida Department of Education notified the general public of changes to state assessments and to provide an update regarding the newly adopted BEST Standards. With this new information, came some confusion about the impact on state assessments. This guide is intended to ensure parents have the correct information. If, after you review the guide, you have specific questions about your student's progress, please contact their school Guidance Counselor.

"My student will not have to take any Florida State Assessments (FSA) this year, right?"



The changes, announced this summer by FLDOE regarding assessments, do **NOT** go into effect until the fall of 2022. For this school year, nothing has changed. Students are required to take state assessments.

"Can we opt-out of state assessments this year?"



There is not an option for students to opt-out of state assessments. FLDOE requires schools to use the results of the 2022 Spring FSA and/or EOCs for 3rd grade promotion/retention and high school graduation.

"So, for this school year, there are no changes to assessments requirements?"



Correct. Third-grade students must take the FSA ELA assessment and receive a Level 2 or higher to be promoted (regardless of classroom grades). Current rules regarding exemptions are unchanged from last year. Students **MUST** have a Level 1 FSA score to be exempted.

Middle school students taking high school courses must take and pass EOCs to earn high school credit.

High school students graduating spring 2022 must:

- Pass state assessments
- Earn required credits including the online course credit
- Meet GPA requirement

"Is there a way I can confirm that my student is on track?"



Parents can view their child's academic progress through Family Access in Skyward. Log-in to Family Access to see progress monitoring, credits earned and state assessment scores.