



2013 Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Field Test Fact Sheet

Civics EOC Assessment Field Test Overview

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is transitioning to EOC assessments for certain courses. In spring 2013, select students throughout the state will participate in the Civics EOC Assessment field test. The purpose of conducting a field test is to collect information on test items prior to their use in future test administrations. The Department will gather this information on the field-test items using the sample of students who participate this spring. Participating students **will not receive scores** for the Civics EOC Assessment field test because it is being administered for the purpose of gathering information.

Students to be Tested in 2013

Approximately **50,000 students** will be selected to participate in the field-test sample. The sample will include students who are enrolled in the following courses:

- Civics – 2106010
- Civics – 2106015
- Civics & Career Planning – 2106016
- Civics, Advanced – 2106020
- Civics, Advanced – 2106025
- Civics, Advanced & Career Planning – 2106026
- Civics and Digital Technologies – 2106029

The following students will **not** participate in the field test, but will participate in future administrations:

- Students who are unable to access assessments on computer and require a paper-based administration.
- Students who require computer-based accommodations (i.e., screen reader, large print, color contrast, zoom, assistive devices).
- Students who completed one of the above courses at the end of Semester 1.

Test Administration Schedule

The testing period runs from April 29 – May 31, 2013, and participating districts may administer the field test to students at any time during this window.

Test Administration Information

- The Civics EOC Assessment field test is a computer-based test.
- For future operational administrations, paper-based versions (regular print and braille) will be provided for students with disabilities who require allowable accommodations, as

specified in their Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) or Section 504 plans, and paper-based large print versions will be available as a unique accommodation.

- Each student will participate in **one 60-minute session**.
- Each field-test form contains 24 items. Once fully developed, the Civics EOC Assessment will be a longer test. The test design, including length, will not be finalized until summer 2013.
- Students may use a one-page CBT worksheet as scratch paper during the test. Schools may access the worksheet in PearsonAccess and make copies for students. Used worksheets are secure materials that must be collected after testing and stored or securely destroyed according to district assessment coordinators' instructions.

Practice Test

Teachers, parents, and students can review the Civics EOC Assessment computer-based practice test, called an ePAT. This tool is available online at www.FLAssessments.com/ePAT. Instructions for downloading the installer software and ePAT are also located on this site. Students are required to participate in a practice test at their school prior to testing.