

Florida Statewide Assessment Cancellation - Frequently Asked Questions

2019 – 2020 School Year

English Language Arts (ELA)

1. **Can students enrolled in tenth grade during the 2019 – 2020 school year take the Grade 10 FSA ELA Assessment during the Fall 2020 Retake window?**

Yes, students who were enrolled in the tenth grade during the 2019 – 2020 school year may take the Grade 10 FSA ELA Assessment during the Fall administration Retake window even though they are first time test takers.

Algebra 1/ Algebra 1 Honors

2. **How can students enrolled in Algebra 1/Algebra 1 Honors during the 2019 – 2020 school year for the first time meet the graduation requirement of achieving a passing score on the FSA Algebra 1 End-of-Course Assessment (FSA A1 EOC)?**

Students enrolled in Algebra 1/Algebra 1 Honors during the 2019 – 2020 school year may meet the A1 EOC graduation requirement one of the following ways:

- Take and pass the FSA A1 EOC during a future test administration.
- Take and pass the FSA Geo EOC during a future test administration.
- Earn a comparative score as listed in the table below.

Algebra 1 EOC (FSA or NGSSS)	
Available for all students who entered grade 9 in 2010 – 11 and beyond:	
PSAT/NMSQT***	430
SAT Math****	420
ACT Math	16
Available only for students who entered grade 9 prior to 2018 – 19:	
PERT Mathematics	97
Available only for students enrolled in Algebra 1/ Algebra 1 Honors during 2019-20:	
Passing score (level 3 or greater) on the Geometry FSA EOC	

***Administered in 2015 or beyond. Students who entered grade 9 in 2010–11 and beyond may also use a comparative score of 39 on PSAT/NMSQT Math if it was earned prior to 2015.

****Administered in March 2016 or beyond. Students who entered grade 9 in 2010–11 and beyond may also use a comparative score of 380 on SAT Math if it was earned prior to March 2016
(Concordant or comparative scores as specified in Rule 6A-1.09422, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.))

3. **Are students using a comparative score to meet the FSA Algebra 1 EOC or Grade 10 FSA ELA Assessment requirement permitted to use a previously earned score, for example a PSAT score earned in October 2019?**

Yes. The date the student took the test does not matter.

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- 4. If a student enrolled in Algebra 1/Algebra 1 Honors during the '19 – '20 school year takes the FSA Algebra 1 EOC, will the grade be used as 30% of their final grade?**

St. Johns County students who take the FSA Algebra 1 EOC during the 2020 Summer or Fall Assessment administrations will have their FSA A1 EOC score considered for calculation as 30% of the student's final grade. If including the FSA A1 EOC score raises the student's final grade in the course, the course grade will be changed. If including the FSA A1 EOC score does not raise the student's final grade in the course, the grade will not be changed. Students must participate in either the Summer or Fall Administration of the FSA Algebra 1 EOC for grade change consideration.

The option of using Florida EOC Assessment scores as 30% of a student's final grade only applies to the FSA Algebra 1 EOC and for students enrolled in Algebra 1/Algebra 1 Honors during the 2019 – 2020 school year.

- 5. Is it better for students who were enrolled in Algebra 1/Algebra 1 Honors during the 2019 - 2020 school year to take the FSA Algebra 1 EOC during an upcoming assessment windows or should they plan on using their FSA Geometry EOC score to meet their graduation requirement?**

This is a student decision. In St. Johns County, students who were enrolled in Algebra 1/Algebra 1 Honors and take the FSA Algebra 1 EOC during the Summer 2020 or Fall 2020 administration will be offered the opportunity to use the FSA A1 EOC score as 30% of their final grade. However, these students may take the FSA A1 EOC during any subsequent administration to fulfil graduation requirements. Taking and passing the FSA Geometry End-of-Course Assessment will also meet the FSA A1 EOC graduation requirement but cannot be used to change the grade earned in Algebra 1/Algebra 1 Honors.

Scholar Designation

- 6. How will students who were enrolled in Algebra 1/Algebra 1 Honors during the 2019 – 2020 school year meet the Scholar Designation diploma assessment requirements?**

Passing the FSA Algebra 1 EOC is not part of the Scholar Designation diploma requirements. Students pursuing a Scholar Designation diploma will still be required to pass applicable Florida End of Course Assessments during subsequent administrations. [Standard Diploma Requirements](#)

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- 7. Are students who were enrolled in Geometry/Geometry Honors, Biology/Biology Honors, US History/US History Honors during the 2019 – 2020 school year waived from the Scholar Designation diploma End-of-Course assessment requirements?**

No. Students who were enrolled in those courses during the 2019 – 2020 school year will need to take and pass the appropriate Florida End-of-Course assessments during a subsequent administration beginning in the fall of 2020.

Virtual Courses with Statewide End-of-Course Assessments

- 8. If a student was enrolled virtually in a course with a Florida End-of-Course Assessment during the 2019 – 2020 school year and does not complete the course until after May 27, 2020, are they also eligible for the Florida End-of-Course Assessment waiver?**

Students enrolled in a virtual course with a Florida End-of-Course Assessment during the 2019 – 2020 school year must complete the course by July 17, 2020 to be eligible for Florida End-of-Course Assessment waiver.

- 9. If a student was enrolled in a virtual course with a Florida End-of-Course Assessment and completed the course in August 2019 (after this school year started) but did not take the appropriate EOC, is the student eligible for the 30% EOC assessment waiver?**

No, the EOC 30% waiver does not apply to students who had previous opportunities to take Florida End-of-Course Assessments (except for graduating seniors).

End-of-Course Assessment Waiver and Grade Forgiveness

- 10. Is a student who previously completed an EOC course without taking the Florida End-of-Course assessment eligible for the Florida End-of Course Assessment graduation requirement waiver?**

No, the EOC 30% waiver does not apply to students who had previous opportunities to take the Florida End-of-Course Assessment (except for graduating seniors).

- 11. Is a student who was enrolled in Algebra 1/Algebra 1 Honors for grade forgiveness purposes during the '19 – '20 school year eligible for the FSA End-of-Course Assessment waiver?**

No, the student is not eligible for the Florida End-of-Course Assessment waiver. The student may take the FSA Algebra 1 EOC in a subsequent administration and have their grade reaveraged at that time.

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Florida Standards Alternate Assessment (FSAA)

- 12. Is the impact of no state testing on students for Florida Standards Alternate Assessment the same as what has been shared about FSA? Are the same protocols/guidelines being followed?**

Yes. FSAA testing will follow the same guidelines as those provided for FSA testing in terms of required assessments, impact on current seniors, etc. Waivers may be applied to graduating seniors.

English Language Learners (ELL)

- 13. An ELL senior arrived during the 2019 – 2020 school year and will have waivers for the Grade 10 FSA ELA Assessment and the FSA Algebra 1 EOC. If the student completes a semester in the 2020 – 2021 school year, is the student eligible for the waiver?**

No. The assessment waiver is only applicable for students who are graduating in spring 2020. If a student is scheduled to graduate beyond that date, the regular assessment graduation requirements apply.

Testing and Coding

- 14. Will there be any changes to Florida State Assessments for Fall 2020?**

Currently, the state plans to offer an option of an extended fall testing window.

- 15. How will the waived End-of-Course Assessment score be reflected on the report card?**

A notation representing no grade (NG) will be used to reflect the waived score.