

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS UPDATE

(Information shared at CLAS, 10/14-15/08)



NEXT GENERATION LANGUAGE ARTS STANDARDS

Updating our Standards

NEXT GENERATION LANGUAGE ARTS SSS (REVISION OF STANDARDS)

- The Framers and Writers Committees will begin their meetings in November to begin the revision work on the standards.
- The committee members are...
 - Diverse educators from elementary, middle, high school, and higher education institutions.
 - All geographical areas of the state, including rural and urban school districts
- Framers Committee Task
 - strands vs. clusters; organize legislature requirement of authors/genres
- Writer Committee Task
 - actual constructing of the benchmarks and standards

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

NEXT GENERATION ELA STANDARDS

- ◉ April 17, 2009 - completion of draft
- ◉ April 22-June 17, 2009
 - Online public review
 - Regional public meetings
 - National expert reviews
- ◉ July 24-26, 2009 - draft revision based on input
- ◉ July 1-31, 2009 - DOE final editing
- ◉ August 2000 - copies provided to BOE
- ◉ October 2009 - State adoption

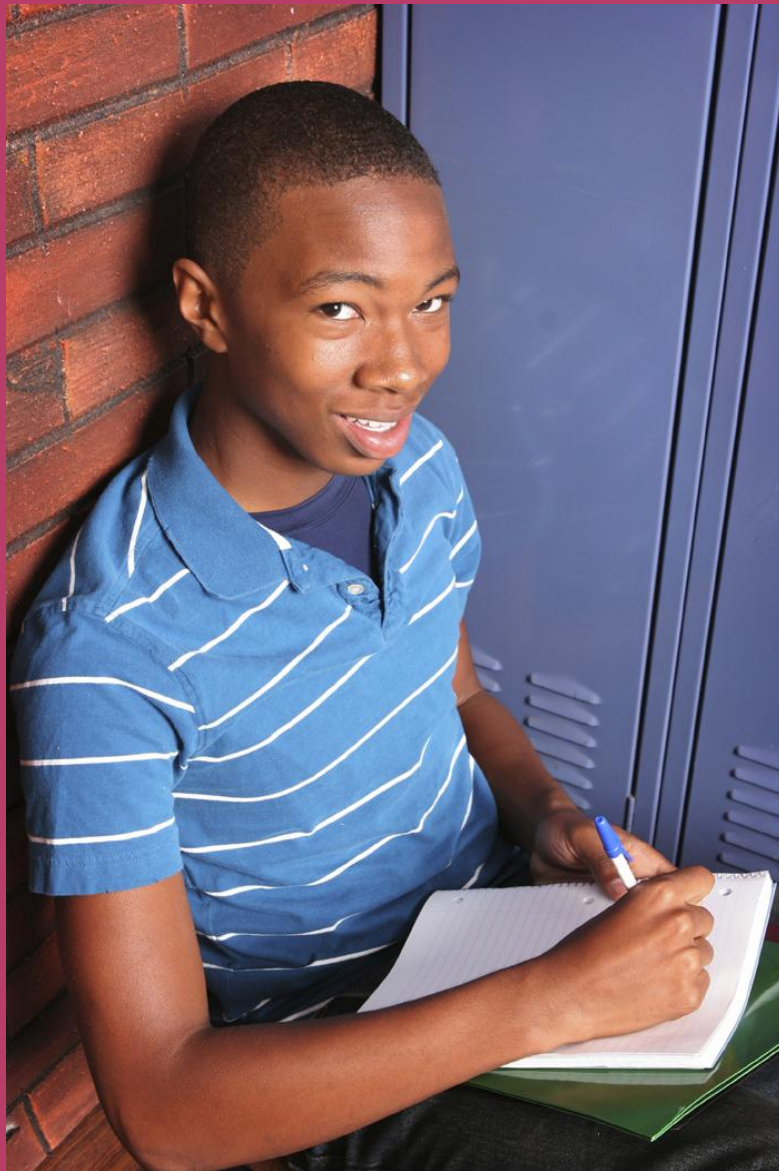


FCAT PREPARATION

Classroom Instructional Changes

NEW FCAT PREPARATION GUIDELINE

- ◎ **CAUTION:** Requires school districts to prohibit each public school from suspending a regular program of curricula in order to administer practice test or engage in other test-preparation activities for a statewide assessment (i.e., FCAT or end-of-course assessment).
- ◎ **MAY USE:** To the extent determined necessary in State Board of Education rule, distribute and administer sample practice tests and answer keys published by FDOE or engage in other test-preparation activities.



FCAT WRITING

2008-2012

FCAT WRITING UPDATE

- 2008-2009 - multiple-choice items (+) removed
- Writing graduation requirement delayed
- 2009-12 FCAT Writing continues 4,8,10
 - Prompt portion only - 45 minutes
 - Grade 4 - Expository or Narrative
 - Grades 8 and 10 - Expository or Persuasive

ADMINISTRATION OF 2009 FCAT WRITING

- Test: February 10, 2009
 - Make-up: February 11-12, 2009



WRITING TEST IRREGULARITIES

- Papers are flagged when numerous responses include a recognizable pattern:
 - rehearsed or memorized words, phrases, or sections
 - a lengthy introduction that appears contrived or disconnected from the prompt or purpose for writing
- Although the instructional method in question may not be defined as cheating in the legal sense, it violates the explicit requirement that each student's writing is his or her **original work**.



**NEW STATE
WRITING TEST**
2013

NEW STATE WRITING TEST

- ◉ Spring 2013 New Writing Test
 - Operational for grades 4,7,11
 - Should include
 - Multiple Choice,
 - Short Response Questions
 - Extended Response Questions
 - A new rubric is in construction.

NEW WRITING TEST TIMELINE

- ◉ December 2011 - Field Test
 - Grade 4 New Writing Test
 - Grade 4 “old” FCAT Writing Test will be given Spring 2012
- ◉ Spring 2012 Field test
 - Grades 7, 11 New Writing Test
 - Grade 8 and 10 “old” FCAT Writing will be given Spring 2012
- ◉ Spring 2013 New Writing Test
 - Grades 4, 7, 11

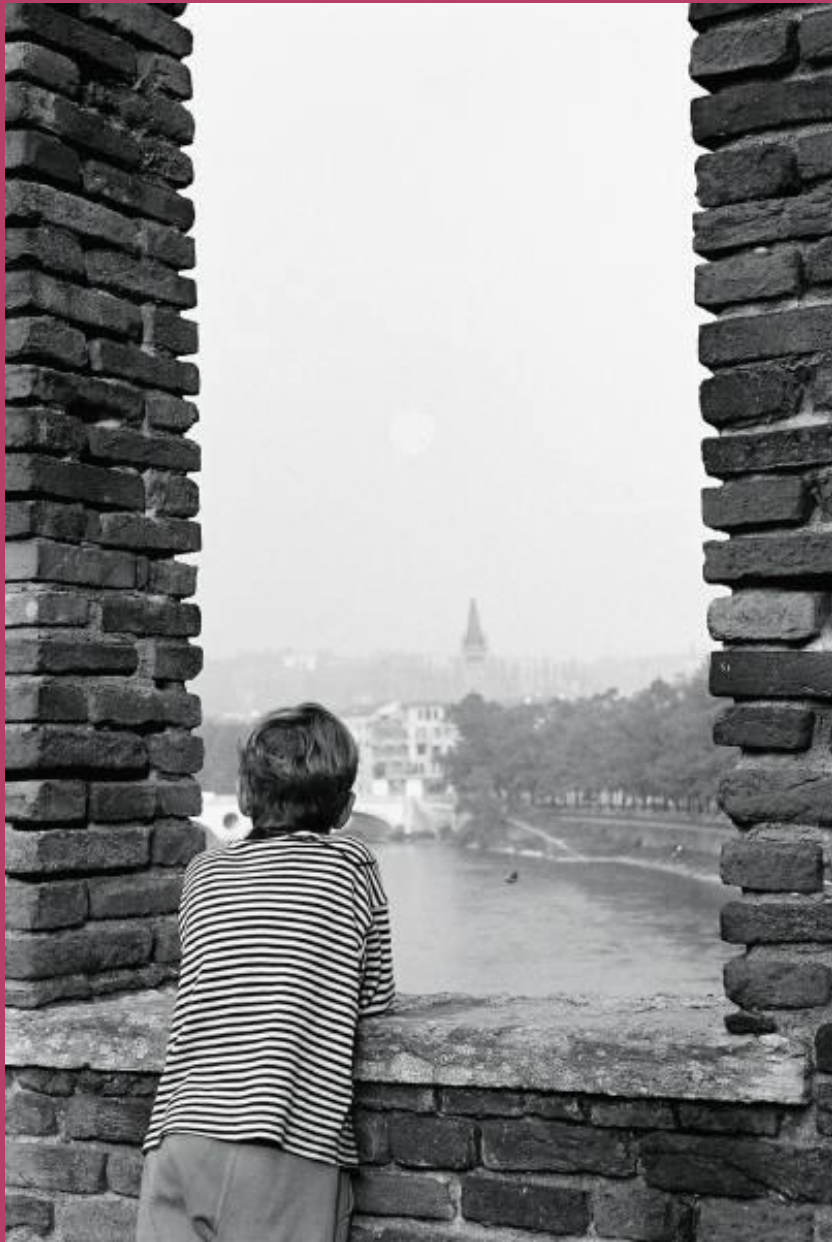


FCAT READING

What's to come...

NEW TESTS IN FCAT READING

- ⦿ Last FCAT Reading Test - 2010
- ⦿ Field Test new benchmarks - 2010
- ⦿ New Assessment in Reading - 2011
 - Performance tasks at grades 4,8,9
 - No Performance Tasks at grade 10
 - Retakes remain the same, no Performance Tasks



OVERVIEW OF ASSESSMENT CHANGES

Grade Level	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
6 th grade	FCAT Reading Test	Last FCAT Reading Test	New Reading Test	New Reading Test	New Reading Test
7 th grade	FCAT Reading Test	Last FCAT Reading Test	New Reading Test	Field test new Writing Test; New Reading Test	New Writing Test; New Reading Test
8 th grade	FCAT Reading Test	Last FCAT Reading Test	New Reading Test with PT	Last FCAT Writing test; New Reading Test with PT	New Reading Test with PT
9 th grade	FCAT Reading Test	Last FCAT Reading Test	New Reading Test with PT	New Reading Test with PT	New Reading Test with PT
10 th grade	FCAT Reading Test	Last FCAT Reading Test	New Reading Test, no PT	Last FCAT Writing test; New Reading Test, no PT	New Reading Test, no PT
11 th grade				Field test new Writing Test	New Writing Test



NRT

Discontinued.

NRT

- ◉ 2008-2009 discontinued.
- ◉ Result of the Legislature's need to find ways to reduce the state's assessment expenses by eliminating programs that are not required by NCLB nor crucial to our state's accountability system discontinued.