



FCAT EXPLORER

SUPPORTING YOUR INSTRUCTION WITH EXPLICIT PRACTICE



P *ractice Makes Progress!* That's why the FCAT Explorer was designed—to support your excellent instruction on the FCAT-tested benchmarks by providing explicit, research-based practice. The FCAT Explorer helps your students make real progress on the skills they need for success in the classroom, on the FCAT, and in life.

EXPAND YOUR INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

Derived from the Sunshine State Standards, the FCAT Explorer is an innovative, Web-based instructional support tool that gives students independent practice and learning guidance, plus an array of features to promote their progress.

ALL practice programs provide

- skill definitions and examples
- glossaries with Spanish and Haitian-Creole translations
- benchmarks-based progress reports
- Challenge Lists for additional practice.

MATH practice programs provide

- practice for 5th-, 8th-, and 10th-grade benchmarks
- real-life problem-solving tasks drawn from other Sunshine State Standards subject areas
- multiple-, gridded-, and charted-response items
- online, FCAT-like calculator and reference sheet
- Hints and Correct Answer Explanations
- benchmarks-based math games.

READING practice programs provide

- practice for 3rd-, 4th-, 6th-, 8th- and 10th-grade benchmarks
- individualized, adaptive readability levels and instructional support (3rd, 4th, 8th)
- research-based vocabulary-building exercises preceding every passage (3rd, 4th, 8th)
- game-like vocabulary reinforcement activities (3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th)

- comprehension monitoring strategies (3rd, 4th, 8th)
- mandatory review of highlighted passage excerpts for text-based incorrect answers (3rd, 4th, 8th).

GIVE YOUR STUDENTS MORE PRACTICE

The Florida Department of Education works with Florida's best teachers and test professionals to make the FCAT Explorer a powerful program that students will enjoy using. Even if your school already uses commercial practice programs, you can revive motivation and time-on-task by incorporating the FCAT Explorer into your lesson plans—and it's free!

BUILD YOUR LESSONS FROM PROGRESS DATA

On the FCAT Explorer Classroom Teacher's Desk, you'll find an array of tools and resources designed to support data-driven lesson planning and classroom instruction. You can

- print progress reports for individuals and classes
- enroll students and add or edit passwords
- print passages, practice items, fluency lists, letters to parents, certificates, and other resources
- review program maps of benchmarks and skills
- access exercises, activities, and games
- send messages to students
- refer parents to the Parent & Family Guide.

GET YOUR STUDENTS STARTED TODAY!

You and your students can use the FCAT Explorer at school, at the public library, at home—wherever you have a computer with Internet access. To find out your sign-in name and password, ask your FCAT Explorer School Administrator, or call the FCAT Explorer Support Team toll-free at 1-888-750-3228.

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