



2012 U.S. History End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Field Test Fact Sheet

U.S. History EOC Assessment Field Test Overview

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is transitioning to EOC assessments for certain high school courses. Select students throughout the state will participate in the U.S. History 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.

Timeframe for Testing

The testing period runs from April 23 – June 1, 2012, and participating districts will select one week within this window to administer the field test to their students.

Who will be tested in 2011?

Approximately **50,000 students** will be selected to participate in the field-test sample representing **55 districts** and **284 schools**. The sample will include students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in the following courses:

- United States History – 2100310
- United States History Honors – 2100320

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

- Middle school students enrolled in one of the above courses.
- 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).
- High school students who completed one of the above courses at the end of Semester 1.

How will students take the test?

- The U.S. History 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.

Test Administration Information

- Each student will participate in **one 60-minute session**.
- Each field-test form contains 30 items. Once fully developed, the U.S. History EOC Assessment will be a longer test. The test design, including length, will not be finalized until July 2012.

Will students receive a score?

Participating students will not receive scores for the U.S. History EOC Assessment field test because it is being administered for the purpose of gathering information about the test items prior to their use in an actual test administration.

Practice Test

Teachers, parents, and students can check out the U.S. History 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.