

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item	Approval of the Statewide Uniform Assessment Calendar for the 2018-19 school year.
Status	Completed, waiting approval, with working draft posted to BCPS website
Funding Source	N/A
Service Locations	Statewide assessments are administered to all schools throughout BCPS.
Managing Department	Office of Academics Department of Student Assessment and Research
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Project Description	<p>According to Section 1008.22(7)(d), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.094224, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), each school district must complete this uniform calendar with district-required assessment information, publish the calendar to the district website, and provide it to the Department by October 1 of each school year, beginning in 2016-17.</p> <p>Districts must then provide completed calendars to schools and the calendars be included in their parent guides. In addition, each school must publish the completed calendar on its website.</p> <p>The uniform testing calendar provides school districts the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether the assessment is a district required assessment or a state required assessment. 2. The specific date or dates that each assessment will be administered. 3. The time allotted to administer each assessment. 4. Whether the assessment is a computer-based assessment or a paper-based assessment. 5. The grade level or subject area associated with the assessment. 6. The timeframe that the assessment results are expected to be available to teachers and parents. 7. The type of assessment, the purpose of the assessment, and the use of the assessment results. 8. A glossary of assessment terminology. 9. Estimates of average time for administering state-required assessments, by grade level. <p>In addition to the Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar the Student Assessment and Research Department has developed a testing calendar memorandum and Broward testing calendar.</p> <p>The School Board of Broward County Florida is committed to providing only necessary assessments and minimizing redundant and unnecessary tests. Assessment Updates for 2018-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All grades 3-6 Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) will be administered as paper-based assessments (PBT). • All grades 7-10 FSA assessments will be computer-based assessments (CBT).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 7 ELA Writing has transitioned from a paper-based assessment to a computer-based assessment. • The FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake has been eliminated in 2018-19, all students who would have originally participated in the assessment should take the FSA ELA retake instead. • Spring Assessment window has been moved to later in the school year (May 2019). • Assessment results for the statewide FSA-ELA, Mathematics and EOC assessments will be made available no later than June 30, 2019 except for results for the grade 3 FSA-ELA assessment, which will be made available no later than May 31, 2019.
Impact Statement	<p>Assessment Plan for 2018-19:</p> <p>Student Assessment and Research (SAR) staff meet with key stakeholders throughout the school year to collaborate on testing practices and procedures. SAR staff attend District ESE and ESOL, School Counselor, Student Assessment Specialist and Principal meetings to clarify important changes to testing. Best practices are shared at these meetings.</p> <p>SAR staff will conduct FSA/NGSSS training at key points throughout the school year. The largest training will be in-person, in early Spring to each of the school's designated testing coordinators, per FLDOE requirements. Continued support for test administration occurs via phone and email throughout the school year.</p> <p>Transition to paper-based assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All paper-based assessments are administered on the same day throughout the District with a make-up window for students who are not present during the designated test dates. • Training will be provided to elementary school staff to ensure readiness and best practices for handling paper-based materials. <p>Late release of assessment results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancements were made to the Grade 3 alternative promotion through portfolio (Third Grade Keystones). The changes include breaking down the Keystones into smaller activities assessing fewer standards at a time. All Keystones must be completed by May 3, 2019. Students will have additional opportunities for grade 3 promotion through other alternative assessments such as SAT-10 and iReady. • Per Policy 6000.1, several good cause criteria are available to students in grades 4 and 5 for promotion. • Transcripts and report cards will be held pending the release of Spring EOC results.