

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item	Approval of the Statewide Uniform Assessment Calendar for the 2020-21 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.</p> <p>Assessment Updates for 2020-21:</p> <p>Assessment Reminders:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important to note that the BCPS Districtwide Testing Calendar may be amended due to flexible scheduling resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. • There are significant changes to the fall administration schedules of state and national exams. PSAT, Fall EOC and Fall Retake windows have been modified. • All schools in the district must administer tests on the district-selected days. • All paper-based test materials for state assessments will be returned directly from schools via UPS. • Schools should return materials soon after testing is complete and no later than the state specified return dates. • All grades 3-6 Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) will be administered as paper-based assessments (PBT). • All grades 7-10 FSA assessments will be administered as computer-based assessments (CBT).
Impact Statement	<p>Assessment Plan for 2020-21:</p> <p>The testing plan for this school year is fluid as students start the school year learning from home (e-learning). Administration of all statewide assessments require students to be on campus. However, several progress monitoring assessments have been modified so they can be administered at home such as iReady, FAIR, BAS, and Letter Names Sounds and Concepts of Print if students continue e-learning through the first semester.</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>