

Florida Alternative Assessment

Students with disabilities must participate in statewide assessment either through the Florida Alternative Assessment (FAA) or the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT). The FAA is a state-designated alternative assessment designed specifically for students with significant cognitive disabilities who meet exemption criteria for the FCAT. The FAA assesses competencies in the Sunshine State Standards Access Points. Access points are expectations written for students with significant cognitive disabilities (SWSCD) to access the general education curriculum. Access points are aligned directly to Sunshine State Standards and reflect the “core intent” of the standards with reduced levels of complexity including participatory, supported, and independent with the participatory level being the least complex. The FAA is individually administered and is designated to take place between 01/20/2010 and 02/19/2010.