

Transition of Graduation Requirements for Entering Ninth-Graders of 2009, 2010, and 2011

- The current FCAT passing score for graduation is 300 for Reading and Mathematics. This score is in Achievement Level 2 (minimum achievement level 3 scores: Reading: 327; Mathematics: 315).
- The new assessments used for graduation will have passing scores set at the minimum score in Achievement Level 3 (proficient).

Timeline for Setting Achievement Levels and Passing Scores for New Tests

Spring 2010	Fall 2010	Spring 2011	Fall 2011	Spring 2012
Field Test Reading 3-10 Mathematics 3-8 Algebra 1	Develop performance descriptors	Baseline 1 st administration; old achievement levels and new scale scores will be reported.	Set new achievement levels State Board of Education approval required	Report student results with new achievement levels and passing scores

- Students must be notified of the graduation requirements when they enter high school.
- 2009-10 entering 9th graders were notified in September 2009 that they must achieve the following for graduation:
 - Reading: A score equivalent to 300 on Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading
 - Mathematics: 300 on FCAT Mathematics Grade 10/Retake Test
- 2010-11 entering 9th graders must be notified in September 2010 of graduation requirements. *Proposed:* Students must
 - Reading: score proficient on Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading
 - Mathematics: Algebra I EOC as 30% of course grade
 - Students in grade 9 who completed Algebra I in middle school must participate in this assessment in May 2011 *only*. This is required for AYP.

Proposed Graduation Requirements

Italics indicate requirements have been established.

Subject	Entering 9 th Graders	Tested Grade	Assessment	Score Required	Graduation Year
Reading	<i>2009</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>FCAT 2.0</i>	<i>300 (linked score)</i>	<i>2013</i>
	2010	10	FCAT 2.0	Passing=Proficient ¹	2014
	2011	10	FCAT 2.0	Passing=Proficient ¹	2015
Mathematics	<i>2009</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>FCAT</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>2013</i>
	2010	Completion of Algebra I, or at the end of grade 9, if Algebra I completed prior to 2010-11	Algebra I EOC ²	No score requirement; 30% of course grade if enrolled	2014
	2011	Completion of Alg I	Algebra I EOC ²	Passing=Proficient ¹	2015

¹ Passing=Proficient standard to be set in fall 2011.

² Change to Algebra I EOC requires a change in statute.