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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TESTING CALENDAR
FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, Section 1008.22(8)(d), Florida Statutes calls for each district school board to approve the testing schedules for any district-mandated assessments. Further, such schedules must be published on the district's website and reported to the Department of Education by October 1 of each year.

The attached 2014-2015 Testing Calendar for Grades Pre-K through 12 is a tentative calendar that will continue to be reviewed throughout the year by Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Standardized Testing/Assessment of Educational Progress Committee which includes members from United Teachers of Dade.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2014-2015 Testing Calendar.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2014 - 2015 TESTING CALENDAR, GRADES PreK-12
Tentative: August 12, 2014

The calendar will be updated periodically as additional information is obtained about the district, state, national, and international tests administered to the students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	ABBREVIATION	PARTICIPANTS	MANDATE
July 14 – 25	<i>Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1, Biology 1, Geometry, and US History CBT*</i>	NGSSS EOC	Grades 9-12, <i>eligible students</i>	Federal and State
July 30 – 31	<i>Alternative Assessment for Grade 3 Promotion</i>	AAGTP	Grade 3, <i>retained only</i>	State
August 18- September 5	<i>Interim Assessment Tests: Baseline Science</i>	IA	Grades 5 and 8	State and District
August 18- September 30	<i>Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (Work Sampling System and Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading)</i>	FLKRS (WSS and FAIR)	Kindergarten	State
August 25- November 7	<i>Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading Assessment Period 1 (AP1)</i>	FAIR-FS	Grades K-3, all students; Grades 4-10, Levels 1 & 2; Grades 11-12, Retake**	State and District
September/ October	<i>Preliminary ACT Test</i>	ACT PLAN	Grade 10, <i>Optional</i>	Nationally Offered
September 2 - 30	<i>Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Assessment Period 1 (AP1)</i>	VPK	Prekindergarten	State
September 15- 26	<i>Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1, Biology 1, Civics, Geometry, and US History CBT*</i>	NGSSS EOC	Grades 6-12, <i>eligible students</i>	Federal and State
October 1 – 31	<i>FITNESSGRAM Pretest</i>	FITNESSGRAM	Grades 4-12, students enrolled in PE courses	District
October 6 – 17	<i>Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test Reading and Mathematics Retake CBT*</i>	FCAT/FCAT 2.0 RETAKE	Grades 10+, 11, 12, <i>eligible students</i>	State
October 6 - 24	District ELA Writing Pre-Test	DWT	Grades 3-11	District
October 15	<i>Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test</i>	PSAT / NMSQT	Grade 9, <i>Optional</i>	Nationally Offered
			Grade 10	State
			Grade 11, <i>Optional</i>	Nationally Offered
October 27 – November 14	<i>Interim Assessment Tests: Fall English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Biology 1, United States History, and Civics</i>	IA	Grades 3-12	State and District
November 12 – 13	<i>Grade 3 Mid-Year Promotion</i>	GTMYP	Grade 3, <i>eligible, retained students</i>	State
December 1 – 5	<i>Florida Competency Examination on Personal Fitness</i>	FCEPF	Grades 10-12, <i>Optional</i>	State
December-1 – 19	<i>Florida Next-Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1, Biology 1, Civics, Geometry, and US History CBT*</i>	NGSSS EOC	Grades 6-12, <i>eligible students</i>	Federal and State
	<i>Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts – Writing Component Field Test CBT*</i>	FSA	Grades 4 -11, <i>selected schools</i>	
January 5- March 19	<i>Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading Assessment Period 2 (AP2)</i>	FAIR-FS	Grades K-3, all students; Grades 4-10, Levels 1 & 2; Grades 11-12, Retake **	State
January 6 – February 4	<i>Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Assessment Period 2 (AP2)</i>	VPK	Prekindergarten	State
January 12 - 23	District ELA Writing Post-Test	DWT	Grades 3-11	District
January 20- May 8	<i>Grade 3 Reading Student Portfolio</i>	GTRSP	Grade 3	State
January 26 – February 13	<i>Interim Assessment Tests: Winter English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Biology 1, United States History, and Civics</i>	IA	Grades 3-12	State and District

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January 26 – March 6	<i>National Assessment of Educational Progress Reading, Mathematics, and Science</i>	NAEP	Grades 4, 8, 12, selected schools	Federal
February	<i>Florida's Postsecondary Education Readiness Test</i>	PERT	Grade 11, eligible students	State
March 2 – 13	<i>Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts – Writing Component</i>	FSA	Grade 4; and Grades 5-11 CBT*	Federal and State
March 2 – April 3	<i>Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment</i>	CELLA	Grades K-12, all current ELLs and eligible former ELLs	Federal and State
March 2 – April 7	<i>Florida Alternate Assessment</i>	FAA	Grades 3-11***	State
March 16 – April 2	<i>Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test Reading and Mathematics Retakes CBT*</i>	FCAT/FCAT 2.0 RETAKE	Grades 10+, 11, 12, eligible students	State
	<i>Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 Retake CBT*</i>	NGSSS EOC RETAKE	Grades 7-12, eligible students	Federal and State
March 16 – April 10	<i>Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts and Mathematics</i>	FSA	Grades 3 and 4	Federal and State
March 30 – May 29	<i>Trends in Mathematics and Science Study</i>	TIMMS	Grades 4, 8, 12 Selected schools	Federal
April 1 – 30	<i>FITNESSGRAM Posttest</i>	FITNESSGRAM	Grades 4-12, students enrolled in PE courses	District
April 13 – 17	<i>Stanford Achievement Test, Tenth Edition Reading and Mathematics</i>	SAT-10	Grades K-2	District
April 13 – May 8	<i>Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 Science</i>	FCAT 2.0	Grades 5 and 8	Federal and State
	<i>Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts CBT*</i>	FSA	Grades 5 – 11	
	<i>Mathematics CBT*</i>		Grades 5 – 8	
April 13 - May 29	<i>Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading Assessment Period 3 (AP3)</i>	FAIR-FS	Grades K-3, all students; Grades 4-10, Levels 1 & 2; Grades 11-12, Retake**	State
April 20 – May 15	<i>Florida Standards Assessments: End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 CBT*</i>	FSA EOC	Grades 6-12, eligible students	Federal and State
April 20 – May 22	<i>Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Biology 1, Civics, and US History</i>	NGSSS EOC	Grades 6-12, eligible students	Federal and State
April 21 – May 18	<i>Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Assessment Period 3 (AP3)</i>	VPK	Prekindergarten	State
April 27 – June 12	<i>Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Examinations</i>	AICE	Grades 10-12, enrolled, registered students only	Internationally offered
May 1 – 5	<i>Florida Competency Examination on Personal Fitness</i>	FCEPF	Grades 10-12, Optional	State
May 4 – 15	<i>Advanced Placement Exams</i>	AP	Grades 8-12, enrolled, registered students only	Nationally Offered
May 4 – 26	<i>International Baccalaureate External Written Examinations</i>	IB	Grades 11-12, enrolled, registered students only	Internationally Offered
May 5	AP SEMINAR	AP	Grades 10-11, Selected schools, enrolled, registered students only	Nationally Offered
May 11 – June 5	<i>District-Designated End-of-Course</i>	DDEOC	Grades K-12	State
May 26 – June 3	<i>Alternative Standardized Reading Assessment</i>	ASRA	Grade 3, eligible students	State

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TESTS GIVEN ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS

DESCRIPTION	ABBREVIATION	PARTICIPANTS	MANDATE
<i>Florida's Postsecondary Education Readiness Test</i> Dual Enrollment Placement, College Placement Testing, Post Remediation, Comparative Score for Algebra 1 EOC	PERT	Grades 10 – 12	State
<i>Apranda La Prueba de los Logros en Español Segunda Edición</i> Placement decision for Gifted Program, Spanish-speaking ELLs	APRENDA	Grades K-12, <i>eligible ELLs</i>	State
<i>The Iowa Tests (Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and Iowa Tests of Educational Development)</i> Placement decisions for Gifted Program	ITBS/ITED	Grades K-12, <i>eligible students</i>	Federal and State
Exit ESOL Program (six semesters or more)		Grades 2-12, <i>eligible students</i> <i>Charter schools only</i>	
ACCEL Option		<i>Selected students</i>	
<i>Miami-Dade County Oral Language Proficiency Scale Revised</i> Placement decisions for ESOL Exit ESOL Program- Second Instrument Needed	M-DOLPS-R	Grade K, <i>eligible students</i>	Federal and State
<i>Online Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment</i> Placement decisions for ESOL Extension of services for ESOL Program	On-line CELLA	Grades 1-12, <i>eligible students</i>	Federal and State

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS
NATIONALLY OFFERED FOR INTERESTED, REGISTERED STUDENTS

Anticipated SAT and SAT Subject Test Dates*		ACT Test Dates	
October 11, 2014	March 14, 2015 (SAT Only)	September 13, 2014	April 18, 2015
November 8, 2014	May 2, 2015	October 25, 2014	June 13, 2015
December 6, 2014	June 6, 2015	December 13, 2014	
January 24, 2015		February 7, 2015	

*SAT Sunday administrations usually occur the day after each Saturday test date for students who cannot test on Saturday due to religious observance.

Notes:

*Designates computer-based only, with paper-based accommodations available for eligible students with disabilities.

**The following students in all schools must participate in FAIR as follows:

- Grades K-3, all students;
- Grades 4-10, Levels 1 and 2;
- Grades 11-12, Retake eligible**

***Only includes ESE students exempted from standardized testing at these grade levels.