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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TESTING CALENDAR
FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

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 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 Testing Calendar.

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2015 - 2016 TESTING CALENDAR, GRADES PreK-12
Tentative: July 23, 2015

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 15 – 23	Florida Standards Assessments: End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 CBT*	FSA EOC	Grades 9-12, eligible students	Federal and State
	Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 Retake CBT*	NGSSS EOC		
July 29-30	Alternative Assessment for Grade 3 Promotion	AAGTP	Grade 3, retained only	State
August 24- September 18	Interim Assessment Tests (Baseline): Science	BIA	Grades 5, 8	State and District
August 24- October 7	Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (Work Sampling System)	FLKRS (WSS)	Kindergarten	State
August 24- October 29	Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading* Assessment Period 1 (AP1)	FAIR-FS	Grades 9-12**	State and District
September/ October	Preliminary ACT Test	ACT PLAN	Grade 10, Optional	Nationally Offered
September 8 – October 2	i-Ready Diagnostic Test* (AP1)	i-Ready	Grades K-8**	
September 8 – October 7	Florida VPK Assessment (AP1)	VPK	Prekindergarten	State
September 14- 25	Florida Standards Assessments: End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 CBT*	FSA EOC	Grades 6-12, eligible students	Federal and State
October 1 – 29	FITNESSGRAM Pretest	FITNESSGRAM	Grades 4-12, students enrolled in PE courses	District
October 5 - 30	District ELA Writing Test	DWT	Grades 3-10	District
October 5 – November 13	The Program for International Student Assessment	PISA	Grades 9-10, selected schools	Federal
October 12 – 23	Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts Grade 10 Retake CBT*	FSA ELA RETAKE	Grades 10+, 11, 12, eligible students	Federal and State
	Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 Reading Retake CBT*	FCAT 2.0 RETAKE	Grade 10+, 11, 12, eligible students	
	Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 Retake, Biology 1, Civics, and US History CBT*	NGSSS EOC	Grades 6-12, eligible students	
October 28	Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test	PSAT / NMSQT	Grade 9, Optional	Nationally Offered
			Grade 10	State
			Grade 11, Optional	Nationally Offered
November 2 – February 5	Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading* Assessment Period 2 (AP2)	FAIR-FS	Grades 9-12**	State
November 12 – 13	Grade 3 Mid-Year Promotion	GTMYP	Grade 3, eligible, retained students	State
November 16 – December 18	Mid-Year Assessments English Language Arts, Mathematics, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry	MYA	Grades 3-10, EOC enrolled students	State and District
November 30- December 4	Florida Competency Examination on Personal Fitness	FCEPF	Grades 11, Optional	State
November 30- December 18	Florida Standards Assessments: End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 CBT*	FSA EOC	Grades 6-12, eligible students	Federal and State
	Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 Retake, Biology 1, Civics, and US History CBT*	NGSSS EOC		
January 4 - 22	District Designated End of Course Field Test: Mathematics, Physical Education, Social Science, Visual Arts.	DDEOC	Grades 6 – 12, selected schools, selected semesterized courses	State
January 5 – February 3	Florida VPK Assessment (AP2)	VPK	Prekindergarten	State
January 5 – 29	i-Ready Diagnostic Test* (AP2)	i-Ready	Grades K-8**	State and District
January 25 – March 4	National Assessment of Educational Progress Reading, Mathematics, and Science	NAEP	Grades 4, 8, 12, selected schools	Federal
January 26 – May 6	Grade 3 Reading Student Portfolio	GTRSP	Grade 3	State
January 26 – February 19	Mid-Year Assessments Science, Biology 1, United States History, and Civics	MYA	Grades 5, 8, EOC enrolled students	State and District

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February – April TBA	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	ACCESS	Grades K-12, all current ELLs	Federal and State
February 8 – June 3	Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading* Assessment Period 3 (AP3)	FAIR-FS	Grades 9-12**	State
February 29 – March 11	Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts – Writing Component	FSA	Grades 4-7; and Grades 8-10 CBT*	Federal and State
TBD	Florida Standards Alternate Assessment	FSAA	Grades 3-10***	State
March 28 – April 8	Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts	FSA	Grade 3	Federal and State
	Mathematics		Grades 3 and 4	
March 28 – April 8	Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts Grade 10 Retake CBT*	FSA ELA RETAKE	Grades 10+, 11, 12, eligible students	
	Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 Reading Retake CBT*	FCAT 2.0 RETAKE	Grades 10+, 11, 12, eligible students	
	Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1 Retake CBT*	NGSSS EOC RETAKE	Grades 7-12, eligible students	
April 1 – 29	FITNESSGRAM Posttest	FITNESSGRAM	Grades 4-12, students enrolled in PE courses	District
April 4 – 7	Stanford Achievement Test, Tenth Edition Reading and Mathematics	SAT-10	Grades K-2	District
April 11 – May 6	Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 Science	FCAT 2.0	Grades 5 and 8	Federal and State
	Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts CBT*	FSA	Grades 4 – 10	
	Mathematics CBT*		Grades 5 – 8	
April 18 – May 13	Florida Standards Assessments: End-of-Course Assessments Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 CBT*	FSA EOC	Grades 6-12, eligible students	Federal and State
April 18 – May 20	Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards End-of-Course Assessments Biology 1, Civics, and US History CBT*	NGSSS EOC	Grades 6-12, eligible students	Federal and State
April 19 – May 16	Florida VPK Assessment and Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG) Assessment Period 3 (AP3)	VPK and TSG****	Prekindergarten	State
April 29 – May 20	International Baccalaureate External Written Examinations	IB	Grades 11-12, enrolled, registered students only	Internationally Offered
May 2 – 6	Florida Competency Examination on Personal Fitness	FCEPF	Grades 11, Optional	State
May 2 – 13	Advanced Placement Exams	AP	Grades 8-12, enrolled, registered students only	Nationally Offered
May 2 – June 10	Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Examinations	AICE	Grades 10 -12, enrolled, registered students only	Internationally offered
May 9 – June 3	i-Ready Diagnostic Test* (AP3)	i-Ready	Grade K-8**	State and District
May 16 – June 7	District-Designated End-of-Course Field Test*	DDEOC	Grades 6-12, selected courses, selected schools	State and District
May 16 – June 7	District-Designated End-of-Course Test* M/J Comprehensive Science 1 and 2, M/J World History, M/J US History, Chemistry, Spanish 1 and 2, Spanish for Speakers of Spanish 1 and 2, World History, Physical Science, Physics	DDEOC	Grades 6-12, eligible enrolled students	State and District
May 31 – June 7	Alternative Standardized Reading Assessment	ASRA	Grade 3, eligible students	State

Notes:

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

**The following students in all schools must participate in progress monitoring, as specified above:

- Grades K-8: i-Ready, all students
- Grades 9-10: FAIR, Levels 1, 2, and 3 (For 2015-16, eligibility is based on Spring 2014 FCAT results)
- Grades 11-12: FAIR, Retake eligible

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

****For 2015-16, Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG) is required by FLDOE for Assessment Period 3 (AP3) only

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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, Comparative Score for Algebra 1 EOC	PERT	Grades 10 – 12	State
<i>Aprenda 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 ACCEL Option	ITBS/ITED	Grades K-12, <i>eligible students</i>	Federal and State
		<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-DCOLPS-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
<i>Industry Certification Examination</i> Federal or state regulatory agency-developed assessment instruments leading to licensure.	ICE	Grades 6-12, <i>eligible enrolled students</i>	Federal and State

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS NATIONALLY OFFERED FOR INTERESTED, REGISTERED STUDENTS			
SAT and SAT Subject Test Dates*		ACT Test Dates	
October 3, 2015	March 5, 2016 (SAT Only) <i>First administration of the redesigned SAT</i>	September 12, 2015	April 9, 2016
November 7, 2015	May 7, 2016	October 24, 2015	June 11, 2016
December 5, 2015	June 4, 2016	December 12, 2015	
January 23, 2016		February 6, 2016	

*SAT Sunday administrations usually occur the day after each Saturday test date for students who cannot test on Saturday due to religious observance. Students take the current SAT up until January 2016. Starting in March 2016, students will take the redesigned SAT, and the current SAT will no longer be offered.