

ASSESSMENTS

Instructional and Technical Challenges



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Objective:

To build awareness and understanding of the impact of recent changes regarding statewide student assessments



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A Year of Transition 2014-2015

- Fully implement Florida State Standards for ELA and Math
- **Administer the new Florida Standards Assessment**
- Require all students in grades 4-11 to take the writing assessment
- Develop and implement local assessments to measure student performance in grades and subjects not covered by a statewide assessment
- Implement a new school grading system
- **Expand the use of technology in the classroom and for online assessments**



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Why the Urgency?

If you could take a trip anywhere in the world
... where would you choose to go?

Clip



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Steps to success

- Plan
- Prepare
- Implement



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- Professional Development for Teachers
- Incorporate Standards in to Instruction

- **Prepare**

- Align Instruction with Assessment
- “Game-like” conditions
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Technical Challenges

Computer Literacy Skills –

- Students will compose essays using word processing skills
- Math will require students to use digital tools
- Technology skills have not been emphasized due to focus on learning the new standards.



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- **Implement**
 - Connecting
 - Transmit



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Timelines, Ready or Not ...

Assessments

- Writing Assessment Field Test: January (4 schools)
- Writing Assessment: March 2 – 13 (CB Grades 8-11)
- English Language Arts – PB: March 23 – April 10
(Grades 3 – 4)
- Mathematics- PB: March 23 – April 10 (Grades 3-4)
- English Language Arts – CB: April 13 – May 8
(Grades 5 – 11)
- Mathematics – CB: April 13 – May 8 (Grades 5-8)



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Timelines

- Assessments
- Communications



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Communications

- FLDOE
 - Sample: November

and then ...

- SDCC
 - Sample: November



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Timelines

- Assessments
- Communications
- Technical Readiness



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Technical Readiness

- New Technical Specifications
- Supporting Infrastructure
- Accessing Assessment



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Transition Year

- This is a baseline year with school and district grades released for information only. There will be no penalties imposed on schools and districts.
- Resolution has been sent to the Governor and State Board of Education asking for students (grade 3) and teachers (VAM) be held harmless.
- State to double district funding for technology in 15-16.



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