



Fact Sheet

2016–17 Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Statewide Science Assessment

This fact sheet provides information about the Grade 5 Statewide Science Assessment that measures student achievement of the *Next Generation Sunshine State Standards* (NGSSS).

Students to Be Tested in 2016–17

- Students enrolled in grade 5 will participate in the Statewide Science Assessment.
- Students receiving accelerated instruction in Science may participate in the appropriate Statewide Science Assessment.

Test Administration Schedule

The 16-17 Statewide Science Assessment will be administered during the following window: **May 1–5, 2017**

Statewide Science Assessment

- The Statewide Science Assessment is administered as a paper-best test (PBT).
- Test materials for paper-based accommodations (large print, braille, one-item-per-page) are available for students whose IEPs or 504 plans indicate these accommodations.
- The Statewide Science Assessment is administered in two 80-minute sessions with a stretch break in the middle of each session. Grade 5 Science is administered over two days.

Practice Tests

- **Sample questions and answer key books** for students taking the Statewide Science Assessment are available for student use on the FDOE Statewide Science Assessment page.

Achievement Levels and Scale Scores

Student performance on Florida’s statewide assessments is categorized into five achievement levels. Table 1 provides information regarding student performance at each achievement level for the Statewide Science Assessment and this information is provided on student reports so that students, parents, and educators may interpret student results in a meaningful way.

Table 1 Achievement Levels

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Indicates an inadequate level of success with the challenging content of the NGSSS.	Indicates a below satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the NGSSS.	Indicates a satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the NGSSS.	Indicates an above satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the NGSSS.	Indicates mastery

Achievement level scale score ranges for NGSSS assessments are provided in the tables below. The lowest score in Level 3 is the passing score for each assessment.

Table 2: Achievement Levels for the Statewide Science Assessment Scale Scores (140-260)

GRADE	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
5	140-184	185-199	200-214	215-224	225-260

Additional Information

*For more information about student reports, reporting categories, and achievement levels, please see *Understanding NGSSS Science* for the Statewide Science Assessment.

*Please visit the FDOE website for more information about the statewide assessment program.