Tips for Taking the Computer-Based FSA EOC Assessments

Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2



It's almost time to take the computer-based FSA EOC assessments!

Here are some important explanations and reminders to help you do your very best.

FSA EOC

- Students will take the Florida Standards
 Assessments (FSA) End-of-Course (EOC)
 assessment on the computer.
- You will complete the FSA EOC test over two days.
- Each session will last 90 minutes.
- You may continue working if you have not completed the session at the end of the allotted time. (You can work up to half the length of a typical school day).

Test Invalidation

Let's talk about the term test invalidation.

It's important for you to understand what it means so it won't happen to you!

Test Invalidation

If your test is invalidated, it means that your test will not be scored, and you will not be able to retake the same test.

Remove all electronic devices.

If you have an electronic device at your desk, in your pocket, or ANYWHERE you can reach it during testing or while on a break, your test will not be scored.

Electronic Devices

Some examples of electronic devices are:

- Cell phones or smartphones
- Tablets
- Smartwatches
- Handheld video games
- MP3 players
- Cameras

Electronic Devices

- All electronic devices must be turned off before the test. Your teacher may collect them or instruct you to put them away (in a locker or backpack away from your desk).
- If you aren't sure if something is an electronic device, please ask your teacher before the test.

Do your own work.

If you are caught looking at another student's answers, allowing another student to look at your answers, or using any kind of unauthorized aid during the test, your test will not be scored.

Don't be disruptive.

If you are disruptive during a test, you may be dismissed from the room and your test may not be scored. It is very important for you to remain quiet, respect other students, and pay attention to and follow the instructions.

Don't leave school during a session.

If you leave the school's campus for lunch or an appointment before you complete a test session, you will not be allowed to finish taking the test when you return.

Testing Rules

During the test, you must not:

- Talk to other students or make any disturbance
- Look at another student's computer or device screen or work folder
- Allow another student to look at your computer or device screen or work folder
- Ask for help answering any test questions
- Give help to another student in answering test questions
- Have any electronic or recording devices, other than the device on which you are testing, in your possession at any time, including breaks, even if you do not use them
- Fail to follow any other instructions given

Testing Rules

Before the test, your test administrator will read the testing rules aloud and ask you to read the **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**. You will be asked to sign your name on your work folder below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment to show that you understand the rules.

Testing Rules Acknowledgment

I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.

Signature_____

Taking the Test

Let's talk about the materials you will use to take the test and the process you will follow when taking the test.

Test Delivery System (TDS)

You will take the test in the

FSA Secure Browser

using the Test Delivery System (TDS).



Work Folders

- Before you begin, your test administrator will give you a Computer-Based Testing Work Folder.
- The work folder is four pages of paper that you may use to work the mathematics problems on your test. The last page is graph paper.
- When you complete a test session, the test administrator will collect your work folder.
- While testing, make sure that your work folder is not easily visible to other students.

Flerida Standards Assessments	Florida Computer-Based Testing Work Folde Student Name:	
	Date:	

Scientific Calculators

- The EOC assessments include a scientific calculator in the online testing system for Session 2 ONLY.
- You can practice using the online calculator in the practice test, available on the FSA Portal.

Test Tickets

- Prior to testing, your test administrator will give you a test ticket listing your First Name and Username, which you will need to log in to your computer-based test.
- Be sure that your test ticket has the correct name and date of birth on it.
- When logging in to your test, it is important that you enter your First Name and Username exactly as they appear on your test ticket.

Logging In to the Test

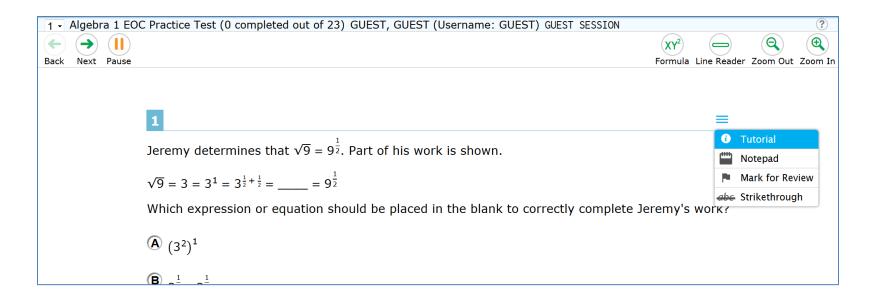
When your test administrator tells you to do so, you will enter your **First Name** and **Username** (as printed on your test ticket) as well as the **Session ID**, which your test administrator will display for you.

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Student Testing Site	
	Please Sign In First Name: Username: Session ID:
	Sign In Browser: Secure v8

"Is This You?" Screen

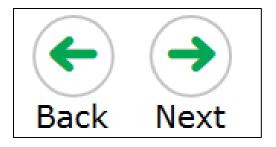
- After you log in, you will see a screen that says "Is This You?"
- You will verify that the information listed on the screen is correct and select "Yes" to continue.

You may use any of the tools on the screen to help you with your test.



Back and Next

The **Back** and **Next** tools can be used to move to the previous question or the next question.



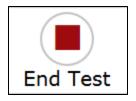
Save and Pause

- The Save button allows you to manually save your work. However, this feature is optional. Your answers will automatically be saved when you move to the next item regardless of whether you select the Save button.
- The Pause button allows you to pause and exit the test. If you pause your test, you will have to log back in to the testing system to resume testing.



End Test

- The End Test button will only be available during Session 2.
 During Session 1, it will be greyed out and you will not be able to select it.
- You will only select the End Test button when you are completely finished with your test and ready to submit it.

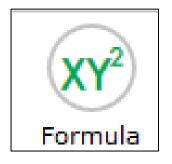


End Test

Click End Test when you have finished to submit your test. You will not be able to return to this session once you click End Test.

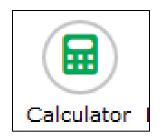
Formula

- The Formula tool opens a pop-up window displaying the reference sheet for your test.
- Be sure to scroll to the bottom of the reference sheet and use the horizontal scroll bar to see all of the information available.



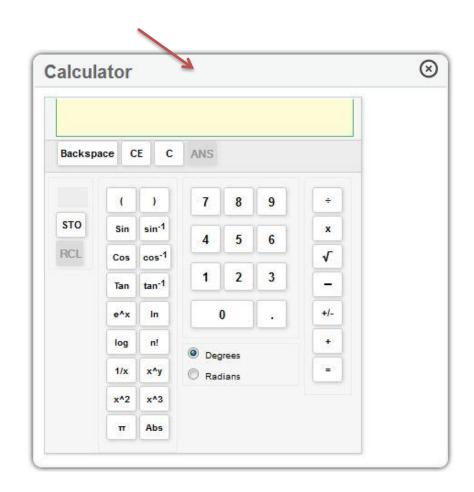
Calculator

- The Calculator tool will ONLY be available during Session 2.
- You can use the Calculator by tapping or clicking on the onscreen calculator or by using the appropriate keys on your keyboard.



Formulas and Calculator

- You can move the
 Formulas window and
 Calculator around the
 screen by clicking or
 tapping the top of the
 window and dragging it
 to another part of the
 screen.
- You can also click and drag the Help screen.



Line Reader

The Line Reader tool allows you to highlight a specific line in the question.



A scientist is researching changes to a river's ecosystem.

He believes something is destroying the food source of the fish in the river over time.

Use the Add Point tool to plot eight points to complete a

Zoom Out and Zoom In

- Use the Zoom Out and Zoom In buttons to decrease and increase the size of text within the test page.
- Four levels of magnification are available.



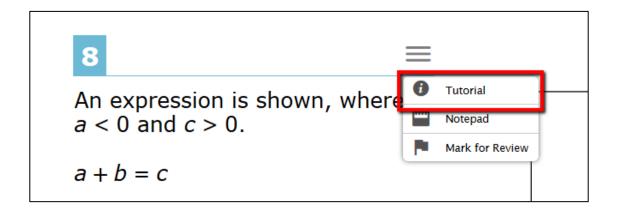
Help Tool

- The Help tool opens a pop-up window with the Help Guide, which includes an Overview of the Test Site, Test Rules, and Accessing Context Menu Tools.
- These instructions, which you will also see before logging into the test, remind you how to navigate from one item to the next and how to use the tools and features in the testing platform.



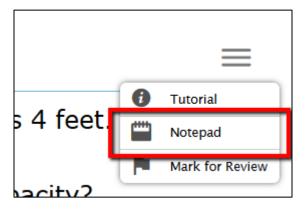
Context Menu: Tutorial

- The Tutorial tool opens a pop-up window that will display a video tutorial of how to respond to that particular item type.
- Note that there is no sound for the tutorial.



Context Menu: Notepad

- The Notepad opens a pop-up window in which you can type notes for later reference.
- There is a new notepad for each item. The notes you type will remain each time you open the tool unless you delete them.
- Remember, you can also make notes on your CBT Work Folder.



Notepad

 You can move the notepad around the screen by clicking or tapping the top of the window and dragging it to another part of the screen.



Context Menu: Mark for Review

- The Mark for Review tool allows you to mark an item to review later.
- The Review screen at the end of the test will alert you to any items that you have marked for review so that you can go back and check your work for those items.

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Strikethrough

- You can use the Strikethrough tool on multiple-choice and multiselect items to cross out options you think are incorrect.
- Right-click or tap the option and choose "Strikethrough."
 Then choose the correct response to the item.

Select all the outcomes that are possible.	
All of the markers removed are the same color.	
Only 1 marker of each color is removed.	
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Highlighter

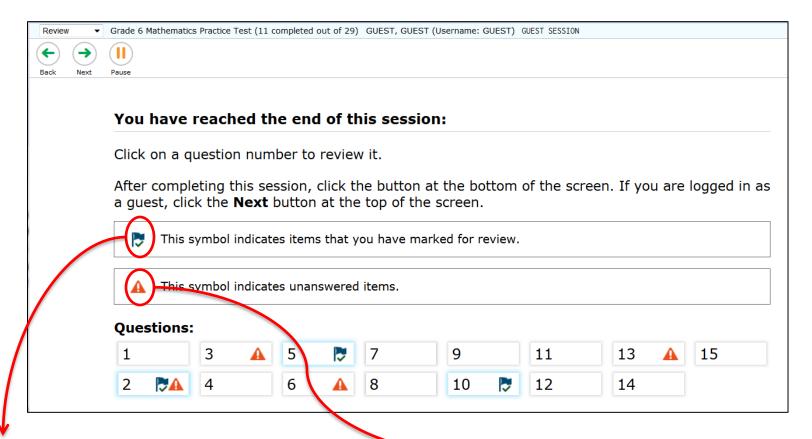
- You can use the Highlighter tool to highlight sections of the items.
- First, click or tap at the beginning of the section you would like to highlight. Then, drag to the end of the section you want to highlight.
- Right-click or tap the selected section and choose "Highlight Selection."



Finishing Session 1

- When you have completed Session 1, review your work carefully and ensure you have answered every question.
- On the last item, select the Next button, which will take you to the Review screen.

Item Review Screen

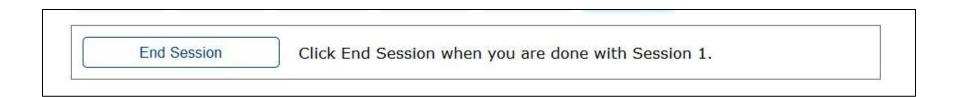


Items marked for review will have a flag with a checkmark next to that item number. Click the item number to return to that item to review it.

Items that you did not provide a response to will have an orange triangle with an exclamation point next to the item number. Click the number to return to that item.

Finishing Session 1

- Once you have reviewed any items, select the End Session button on the Review screen.
- Follow your test administrator's instructions regarding what to do if you finish your test before the session has ended.



Starting Session 2

- You will log into Session 2 using your test ticket and a new Session ID.
- You will not be able to return to Session 1.

Submitting Your Test

- When you have completed Session 2, review your work carefully and ensure you have answered every question.
- After you have checked your work, select End Test.
- You will see a pop-up window saying that you have reached the end of the test. If you are ready to submit your test, select Yes to continue to the Review screen.

Submitting Your Test

- After you have verified that you have answered all questions, select Submit Test on the review screen.
- A pop-up window will ask you to confirm that you want to submit the test. Once you select "Yes," you cannot return to the test.
- If you are ready to submit your test, select "Yes."

Comment Form

- When you have finished your test, your test administrator will instruct you how to access and submit the student comment form.
- Please provide your honest, thoughtful feedback!

Practice Test

- Before taking the "live" test, you should take a practice test.
- The practice test will allow you to practice using the Test Delivery System and help you learn how to respond to the different types of questions and use the tools.
- You can take a practice test any time at http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/.

During the test you may not:

- Look at another student's answers
- Allow another student to look at your answers
- Have notes, scratch paper (other than your work folder), or electronic devices (other than those on which you are testing)

- You may not ask for help in answering any test questions.
 - Your teacher or test administrator is not allowed to discuss the test or help you read, understand, or answer test questions.
- Try to answer every question.

Once you submit a test, you cannot go back into the test. Be sure to check your answers and try to answer every question before submitting your test.

During breaks and after testing, it's important that you don't talk about the specific test questions with friends, classmates, teachers, or other students.

Most importantly:

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast before the test.
- Relax and do your best!