

### **Biology 1 EOC Assessment Field Test Overview**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is transitioning to EOC assessments for certain high school courses. Select students throughout the state will participate in the Biology 1 EOC Assessment field test. The purpose of conducting a field test is to collect information on test items prior to their use in future test administrations. The Department will gather this information on the field-test items using the sample of students who participate this spring.

### **Timeframe for Testing**

The testing period runs from May 2 – June 3, 2011, and participating districts will select one week within this window to administer the field test to their students.

### **Who will be tested in 2011?**

Approximately **55,000 students** are in the field-test sample representing **42 districts (115 high schools)**. The sample includes all students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in the following courses:

- Biology 1 – 2000310
- Biology 1 Honors – 2000320
- Pre-AICE Biology – 2000322
- Biology Technology – 2000430
- Biology 1 PreIB – 2000800
- IB Middle Years Program Biology Honors – 2000850
- Integrated Science 3 – 2002440
- Integrated Science 3 Honors – 2002450

The following students will **not** participate in the field test, but will participate in future administrations:

- Middle school students enrolled in one of the above courses.
- Students who are unable to access assessments on computer and require a paper-based administration.
- High school students who completed one of the above courses at the end of Semester 1.

### **Test Administration Information**

- Each student will participate in **one 75-minute session**.
- Each field-test form contains 30 items. Once fully developed, the Biology 1 EOC Assessment will be a longer test. The test design, including length, will not be finalized until July 2011.
- Students will have access to a periodic table and a four-function calculator while taking the test.
- Students will be provided a four-page, hard-copy work folder to use as scratch paper. These materials will be collected after testing and stored or securely destroyed.

### **Will students receive a score?**

Participating students will not receive scores for the Biology 1 EOC Assessment field test because it is being administered for the purpose of gathering information about the test items prior to their use in an actual test administration.

### **Practice Test**

Teachers, parents, and students can check out the Biology 1 EOC computer-based practice test, called an ePAT. This tool is available online at [www.FLAssessments.com/ePAT](http://www.FLAssessments.com/ePAT). Instructions for downloading the installer software and ePAT are also located on this site. Students are required to participate in a practice test at their school prior to testing.

### **Which districts are participating?**

The following districts have participating schools: Alachua, Bay, Brevard, Broward, Citrus, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Gadsden, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jefferson, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter, Suwannee, and Volusia.