



FCAT EXPLORER

HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED



P *ractice Makes Progress!* That's why the Florida Department of Education built the FCAT Explorer—to provide practice for helping your child make real progress on the skills needed in the classroom, on the FCAT, and in life.

FUN, EFFECTIVE, AND FREE

The FCAT Explorer is a set of free, Web-based practice programs. The content is built from the Sunshine State Standards benchmarks that are tested on the FCAT. Kids can practice by themselves, because the programs give them corrective feedback and learning guidance, plus lots of additional features designed to help them succeed.

ALL practice programs provide

- skill definitions and examples;
- glossaries with Spanish and Haitian-Creole translations;
- benchmarks-based progress reports;
- Challenge Lists for additional practice.

MATH programs provide

- practice for 5th, 8th, and 10th grade benchmarks;
- real-life problem-solving tasks drawn from other Sunshine State Standards subject areas;
- multiple-, gridded-, and charted-response items;
- online, FCAT-like calculator and reference sheet;
- Hints and Correct Answer Explanations;
- benchmarks-based math games.

READING programs provide

- practice for 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th and 10th grade benchmarks;
- adjusted readability level and instructional support based on individual performance (3rd, 4th, 8th);
- research-based, vocabulary-building exercises preceding every passage (3rd, 4th, 8th);
- game-like, vocabulary-reinforcement activities (3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th);
- a guided review of passage highlights to help students correct mistakes (3rd, 4th, 8th).

YOUR CHILD ALREADY HAS A PASSWORD

Nearly every student attending Florida's public schools has been assigned a sign-in name and password. To find out your child's sign-in name and password, see your child's teacher or call the FCAT Explorer Support Team toll-free at 1-888-750-3228.

ALL YOU NEED IS INTERNET ACCESS

Your child can use the FCAT Explorer for free wherever there is a computer with Internet access. For help using the FCAT Explorer, go to www.fcateexplorer.com and click Technical Help at the top of the page. You can also call the FCAT Explorer Support Team toll-free at 1-888-750-3228.

LOTS OF PRACTICE AT LOTS OF LEVELS

Your child's sign-in name and password provide access to every FCAT Explorer reading and math program. Your child can practice in the programs at, or closest to, his or her grade level, or can practice at lower grade levels to build confidence. Higher grade levels can be practiced for an additional challenge. Every program is built on the FCAT-tested benchmarks, so no matter where your child practices, you can be sure it will be time well spent.

A PARENT & FAMILY GUIDE FOR YOU

You can use the FCAT Explorer Parent & Family Guide for free, and you don't need a password. Just go to www.fcateexplorer.com and click the Parent & Family Guide. It's currently available in English and Spanish. You'll find information about the FCAT Explorer programs, the Sunshine State Standards, the many ways you can help your child succeed, and much more!

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