Training and Practice Tests **Quick Guide**

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Introduction to this Quick Guide

This user guide provides information for individuals accessing the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) training and practice tests. This introduction describes the contents of this user guide and includes a key for identifying icons and elements used.

Quick Guide Sections

Each section and appendix begins on a new page, which allows for easy printing.

- <u>Signing In to the Training and Practice Test Site</u> provides information on how to log in and select a training or practice test.
- Overview of Training and Practice Test Features includes information about a sample test layout, global and context menus, and the test tools that are available.
- Question Types on Tests gives an overview of the question types that students may see on the training and practice tests and general guidelines on how to respond to questions.
- <u>Keyboard Navigation</u> provides keyboard commands for general test navigation as well as for specific features.

Table 1. Key Icons and Elements

Icon	Description
	This symbol accompanies helpful information or reminders.
Text	Bold text is used to indicate a link or button that is clickable.

Signing In to the Training Test Site

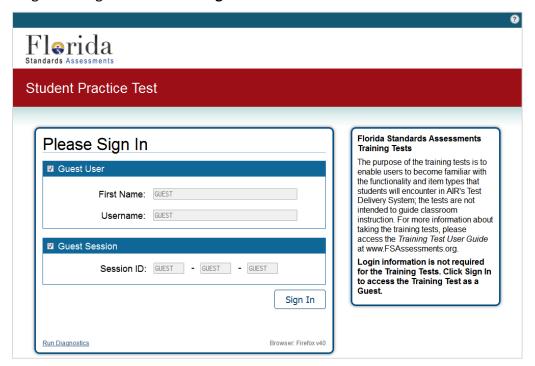
Students must use a supported web browser or the secure browser to access the Training and Practice Test site. The supported web browsers for the training and practice tests are Firefox 10–36, Chrome 41–44, Safari 5–8, or Internet Explorer 10 or 11.

Using the Secure Browser

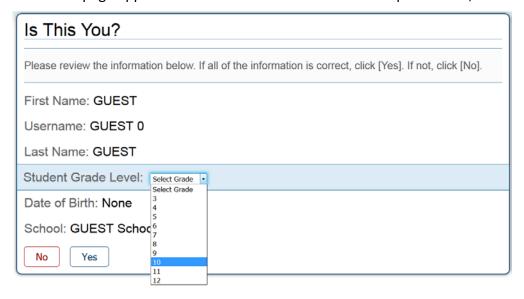
- 1. Launch the FSA Secure Browser icon on your desktop or mobile device.
- 2. Select "Go to the Practice Test Site" to access the Student Practice Test site.
- 3. Continue with step 3 below.

Using a Web-Browser

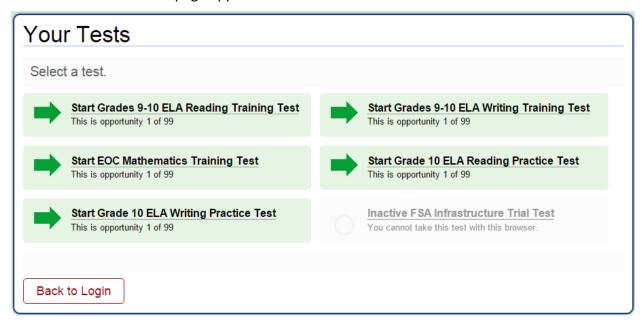
- 1. Open a supported web browser on your computer or tablet.
- 2. Navigate to the Florida Standards Assessment portal (<u>www.fsassessments.org</u>).
 - a. In the right-hand panel, click the **Training and Practice Tests** card. The **Training and Practice Tests** page appears.
 - b. Click **Take the Computer-Based Training and Practice Tests** card. The **Student Practice Test** login page appears.
- 3. You will sign in as a guest user. Click Sign In.



4. The *Is This You?* page appears. From the *Student Grade Level* drop-down list, select a grade.

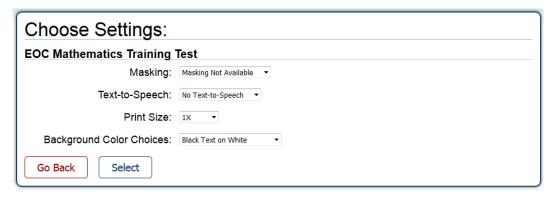


5. Click **Yes**. The **Your Tests** page appears.

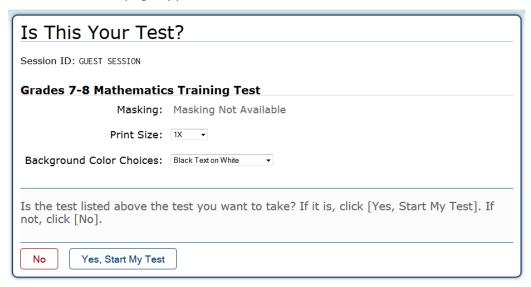


- 6. Select an available test. The list of available tests depends on the grade level selected.
 - a. To select a test, click the test name.
 - **Note:** If the test you want to take is not displayed, click **Back to Login**. You will be logged out. Sign in again and select a different grade level.

7. The *Choose Settings* page appears. Select your test settings.



- a. If necessary, change the default settings for the test. You can change the background color combination and print size or set an accommodation (masking or text-to-speech), as needed.
- b. When you have made your selections, click **Select**.
- 8. The *Is This Your Test?* page appears.



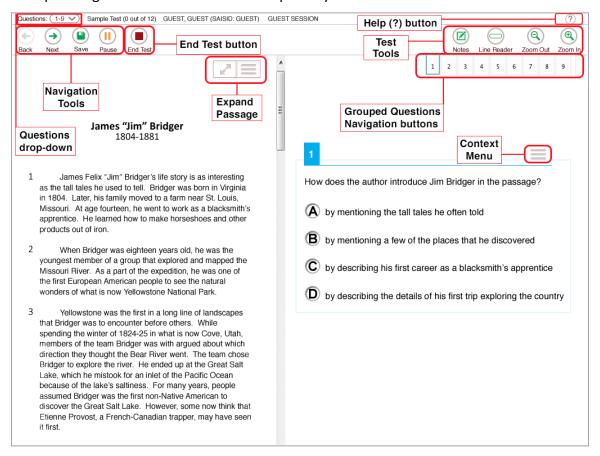
- a. Review the information on this page and verify that your test settings are correct.
 - If the test name or test settings are incorrect, click No.
 - If the test name and test settings are correct, click Yes, Start My Test when you are ready to begin. The Test Instructions and Help page appears.
 - If you chose an ELA Reading test, you will be prompted to check the sound settings on your computer or device. After confirming you can hear the sound, click Yes.
 - If you turned on the Text-to-Speech accommodation, you will be prompted to adjust settings for this tool. After confirming you can hear the voice, click Yes, I heard the voice.
- b. On the *Test Instructions and Help* page, click **Begin Test Now**.

Overview of Training and Practice Test Features

This section provides an overview of what a test page might look like. Information about available test tools and how to access them is also provided.

Test Layout

This sample image for an ELA test shows the primary features and available tools:



Each test has two major sections:

- Global Menu bar (contains global tools and navigation buttons, as well as the help button)
- Test Content (displays test content, including stimuli and questions)
 - o Some tools are available only by accessing a context menu for that passage or stimulus, question, or selected-response option. For more information, see the next page.

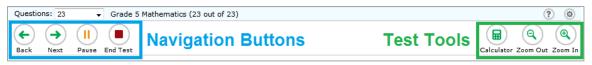
Global and Context Menus

The global and context menus allow students to access on-screen tools. These tools can be accessed using a mouse or keyboard shortcuts. For information about keyboard shortcuts, refer to Keyboard Navigation.

About the Global Menu

The global menu contains all the visible tools displayed at the top of the student's test screen. Most universal tools, as well as the student help button, are in the global menu.

Sample Global Menu



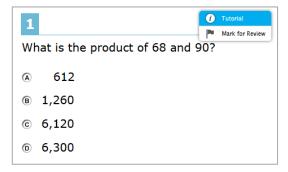
To open a test tool in the global menu:

1. Select the button for the tool. The selected test tool activates.

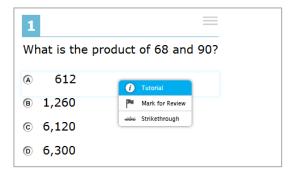
About the Context Menus

Each test question may include several elements, such as the question number and answer options. The context menu for each element (including the stimulus) only contains tools that are available for that element.

Context Menu for Questions



Context Menu for Answer Options



Opening a Context Menu for Passages and Questions

You can access context menus by right-clicking elements or by selecting elements and then clicking the context menu button.

To access the context menu for a passage or question:

- 1. Click the context menu button in the upper-right corner of the passage or question. The context menu opens.
- 2. Select a tool.

Opening a Context Menu for Answer Options

You can use the context menu to access tools for answer options in a multiple-choice or multiselect question.

To access an answer option's context menu:

- 1. To open the context menu, do one of the following:
 - o If you are using a **two-button mouse**, right-click an answer option.
 - o If you are using a single-button mouse, click an answer option while pressing Ctrl.
 - o If you are using a **Chromebook**, click an answer option while pressing **Alt**.
 - o If you are using a **tablet**, tap the answer option and then tap the context menu button (this selects the answer option until you select a different option).
- 2. Select a tool from the context menu.

General Test Tools

The following test tools are available:

- Global Tools: Global tools appear in the global menu at the top of the page.
- **Stimulus/Question Tools:** These tools are specific to stimuli and questions and are accessed by opening the context menu for a stimulus, question, or answer option area.

Global Tools	Description
Help (?) button	The ? button at the top right opens the on-screen <i>Test Instructions and Help Guide</i> window.
Zoom buttons	Use the Zoom In and Zoom Out buttons to increase and decrease the size of text and graphics within a single test page. Four zoom levels are available.
Line Reader	Use the Line Reader button to highlight a single line of text at a time in passages and questions.
Notes button	Click the Notes button to open an on-screen notepad. You can enter notes for yourself and save them. These notes are global and remain in the pop-up window throughout the test. Note: This tool is available for ELA Reading and ELA Writing tests.
Calculator button	Click the Calculator button to open the on-screen calculator. Note: The calculator is available for Grades 7-8 Mathematics and End-of-Course (EOC) Mathematics tests.
Questions drop-down list	This feature enables you to quickly return to a specific test page. Questions that were marked for review display "(marked)."

Global Tools	Description
Save button (Optional)	This button allows you to manually save technology-enhanced questions. This is an optional feature. If you do not click this button, your answers are still saved automatically.
Pause button	This button allows you to pause and log out of the test.
Navigation buttons	The Back and Next buttons in the top left corner permit you to move between pages on a test. For <i>Mathematics</i> tests and <i>ELA Reading</i> tests, clicking the navigation buttons permits you to move between questions. For <i>ELA Writing</i> tests, clicking Next prompts you to end the test. Note: When multiple questions are grouped together with the same stimulus, a button for each question number appears in the top right. Click these buttons to navigate between questions in the group.
End Test button	Click this button to begin the process of submitting the test.

Stimulus/Question Tools	Description		
Highlighter	Highlights a section of text in a passage or test question. To highlight text, select text on the screen, right-click with the mouse, and select Highlight Selection. To remove a single instance of highlighting from selected text, right-click on the highlighted text and select Remove Highlighting.		
	To remove all instances of highlighting in a reading passage or question, right- click the highlighted text and select Reset Highlighting.		
Mark for Review	Select Mark for Review from the context menu. A flap appears in the question number, and the question is labeled (marked) in the Questions drop-down list. To remove the (marked) status, select Unmark Review Item .		
Notepad	Each Mathematics question has a Notepad tool that allows you to save a note or comment about the question. To access this tool, select Notepad from the context menu. Note: This tool is only available for Mathematics tests.		
Expand Passage Tool	Some test pages have a passage or activity on the left side of the page. You can expand this section. Click the double-arrow icon to expand the left section so that it takes up most of the screen. To collapse the section, click the double arrow icon again.		
Strikethrough	For multiple-choice questions, you can "eliminate" an option and focus on the options you think may be correct. • To strikethrough an answer option, right-click on the option and select Strikethrough. A line appears through the text or image. • To remove the strikethrough from an answer option, right-click on the option and select Undo Strikethrough.		

Tutorial	Each question has a tutorial video that you can watch to learn more about responding to that type of question. To view the tutorial video, select Tutorial from the context menu.
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Question Types on Tests

This section contains sample question types that may appear on the training and practice tests. The following question types may appear: editing task, grid, hot text, multiple-choice, multiselect, open-response, and equation.



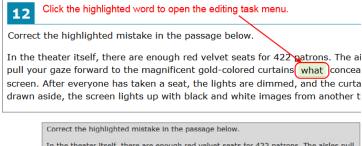
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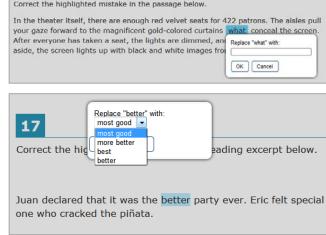
Students can manually save their answer before moving to the next question on the test. A **Save** button appears at the top of the screen for these questions. If students do not click **Save**, the system automatically saves the responses when they move on to the next question or pause the test.

Editing Task Questions

To enter responses for editing task questions, click the highlighted word or phrase. (Typically, the highlighted word or phrase has a light green background.)

- Some editing task questions require you to enter the replacement word or phrase.
- Other editing task questions require you to select the replacement word or phrase from a menu.

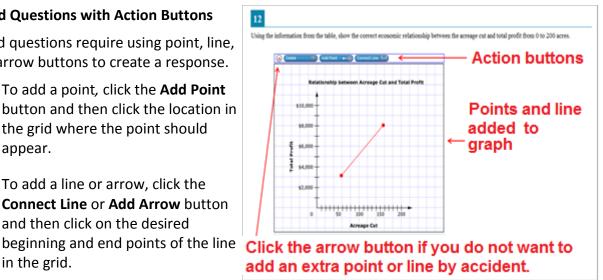




Grid Questions with Action Buttons

Grid questions require using point, line, or arrow buttons to create a response.

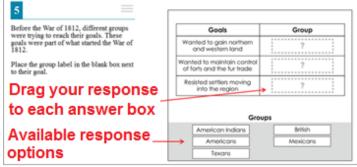
- To add a point, click the Add Point button and then click the location in the grid where the point should appear.
- To add a line or arrow, click the Connect Line or Add Arrow button and then click on the desired in the grid.
- To delete a point, line, or arrow, click the **Delete** button and then click the object you want to remove. (Clicking a point also removes connected lines.)



Note: The "active" action button is white.

Hot Text Questions

Hot Text questions require you to either click on a response option or drag a response option to another location.

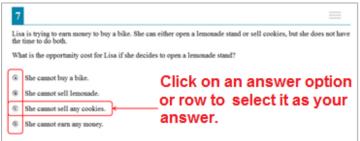


Multiple-Choice Questions

Multiple-choice questions require you to select a single answer option.



Note: You may click anywhere on the answer option or click in the circle that contains A, B, C, or D. The selected answer circle becomes shaded.

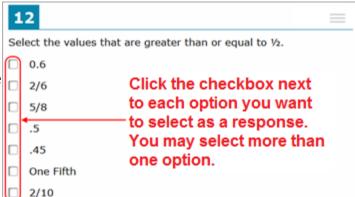


Multi-Select Questions

Multi-select questions allow you to select more than one answer option. These are different from multiple-choice questions, which allow you to select only one response.



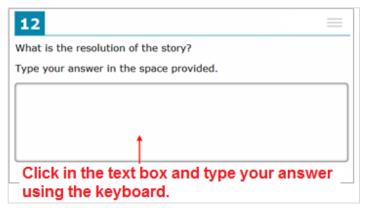
Note: Some questions may ask you to select a specific number of responses.



Open-Response Questions

Open-response questions require you to use the keyboard to enter the response into a text field.

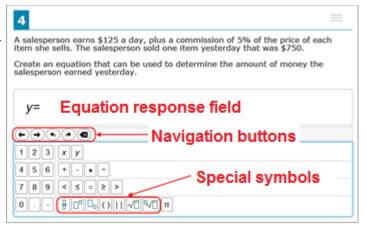
Different types of open-response questions may appear on the test.



Equation Questions

Equation questions require you to enter a valid statement that answers the question, such as y=3x+2.

To enter an equation, click the button for each letter or symbol. The equation entered will be in blue text.



About the Navigation Buttons for Equation Questions

Navigation Button	Description
Move Left	The straight left arrow button allows you to move the cursor before an existing character.

Navigation Button	Description
Move Right	The straight right arrow button allows you to move the cursor after an existing character.
Undo	The curved left arrow button allows you to undo the previous action.
Redo	The curved right arrow button allows you to redo the previous undone action.
Delete	The delete button allows you to delete characters.

About Special Symbols

To add a special symbol to an equation, select the corresponding button. After entering a number or symbol, use the straight arrow buttons to move the cursor between fields.

Special Symbol	Description
Fraction	This symbol allows you to enter a fraction into the equation editor. Select the numerator, then navigate to the denominator, and then select the value for that field.
Exponent	This symbol allows you to enter an exponent into the equation editor. After you enter the base number, select the exponent button, and then enter the exponent number.
Subscript	This symbol allows you to enter a subscript into the equation editor. After you enter the base number, select the subscript button, and then enter the subscript number.
Parentheses ()	This symbol allows you to enter parentheses . Once you select the symbol, the parentheses will appear in the equation editor. Then select the numbers and symbols that should appear between the open and close parentheses.
Absolute Value	This symbol allows you to enter an absolute value . Once you select the symbol, the lines will appear in the equation editor. Then select the numbers and symbols that should appear between the lines.
Square Root	This symbol allows you to enter a square root value. Once you select the symbol, the radical sign will appear in the equation editor. Enter the number that should appear under the radical sign.
n th Root	This symbol allows you to enter an n th root value. Once you select the symbol, the radical sign will appear in the equation editor. Enter the number that should appear under the radical sign. Use the straight left arrow to navigate to the n th field and enter the number that should appear there.

Keyboard Navigation

Any student using a desktop, laptop, or Chromebook can use keyboard commands to navigate between test elements, features, and tools. Keyboard commands are not available for tablets.

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Note: Keyboard commands require using the primary keyboard. If your keyboard contains a numeric keypad (often on the right side), do not use the keys in that area.

This section can be printed out for students to use as a reference during the training and practice tests.

Keyboard Commands for Test Tools

Students can use these commands to navigate between test elements, features, and tools.

Button/ Image	Description of Function	Keyboard Commands
	Open the GLOBAL MENU	Ctrl + G
•	Go to the NEXT test page	Ctrl + → (or use the Global Menu)
•	Go to the PREVIOUS test page	Ctrl + ← (or use the Global Menu)
	Move to the NEXT ELEMENT (on a page containing multiple test questions and/or a reading passage)	Tab
	Move to the PREVIOUS ELEMENT (on a page containing multiple test questions and/or a reading passage)	Tab + Shift
A	Select OPTION A	Tab to move between answer choices
B	Select OPTION B	
©	Select OPTION C	Space to select it as the answer
D	Select OPTION D	
•	ZOOM IN (increase the size of text and graphics on a page)	Ctrl + G (via Global Menu)
Q	ZOOM OUT (decrease the size of text and graphics on a page)	Ctrl + G (via Global Menu)
	Open the global NOTES tool (ELA Reading and ELA Writing)	Ctrl + G (via Global Menu)

Button/ Image	Description of Function	Keyboard Commands
	Open the CALCULATOR (Mathematics)	Ctrl + G (via Global Menu)
	PAUSE your test	Ctrl + G (via Global Menu)
	END TEST and submit it	Ctrl + G (via Global Menu)
	SCROLL UP in an area of the test page	1
	SCROLL DOWN in an area of the test page	↓
	SCROLL to the RIGHT in an area of the test page	→
	SCROLL to the LEFT in an area of the test page	←
	Open the CONTEXT MENU (for the selected passage, question, or answer option)	Ctrl + M
0	Open a TUTORIAL to view information about that question type	Ctrl + M (via Context Menu)
***	Open the question NOTEPAD to enter a comment about that question	Ctrl + M (via Context Menu)
P=	MARK/UNMARK a question for review	Ctrl + M (via Context Menu)
_/	HIGHLIGHTER (highlight text on the page)	Ctrl + M (via Context Menu)
abe	STRIKETHROUGH an answer option	Ctrl + M (via Context Menu)

Keyboard Commands for Test Selection Pages and Messages

Use these keyboard commands to select options on the login pages or on pop-up messages that appear during the test. For example, if you see a screen that has **No** or **Yes** buttons, you can use these keyboard commands to navigate between the buttons and select one.

Keyboard Command	Function
Tab	Move to the next option
Shift + Tab	Move to the previous option
Enter	Select the shaded option

Opening the Global Menu

To access the global menu with keyboard commands:

- 1. Press the **Ctrl** + **G** keys to view the global menu. The menu appears on the screen.
- 2. Use the **Up** or **Down** arrow keys on your keyboard to move between options in the menu. Each option is highlighted as you arrow up or down.
- 3. Press the **Enter** key to select the highlighted menu option.
- 4. Press the **Esc** key to close the global menu.

Opening the Context Menus

To access context menus with keyboard commands:

Navigating to an element:

1. Press the **Tab** key to navigate between questions, the answer options, and the reading passage.

Opening the context menu for an element:

- 1. Press the Ctrl + M keys on the keyboard. The context menu for that element appears.
- Use the **Up** or **Down** arrow keys on your keyboard to move between options in the menu. Each option becomes highlighted as you arrow up or down.
- 3. Press the **Enter** key to select the highlighted menu option.
- 4. Press the **Esc** key to close the context menu.

Keyboard Commands for Grid Questions

Grid questions may have up to three main sections:

- Answer Space: The grid area where students enter the response.
- Button Row: Action buttons may appear above the answer space. Buttons may include Delete, Add Point, Add Arrow, Add Line, and Connect Line.
- Object Bank: A panel containing objects you can move to the answer space.

Grid Question

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To move between the main sections:

- To move clockwise, press **Tab**.
- To move counter-clockwise, press **Shift** + **Tab**.

To add an object to the answer space:

- 1. With the object bank active, use the arrow keys to move between objects. The active object has a blue background.
- 2. To add the active object to the answer space, press **Space**.

To use the action buttons:

- 1. With the button row active, use the left and right arrow keys to move between the buttons. The active button is white.
- 2. To select a button, press **Enter**.
- 3. Press **Space** to apply the point, arrow, or line to the answer space.

To move objects and graph elements in the answer space:

- 1. With the answer space active, press **Enter** to move between the objects. The active object displays a blue border.
- 2. Press Space.
- 3. Press an arrow key to move the object. To move the object in smaller increments, hold **Shift** while pressing an arrow key.

Appendix A. Change Log

Change	Date