



# Florida Statewide Science Assessments

## 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



**General Information:** The Statewide Science Assessment measures student achievement of the [Next Generation Sunshine State Standards](#) in science. All students enrolled in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> must take the FSS Assessment.

### Reporting Categories:

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

1. Nature of Science (10 points total)
2. Earth and Space Sciences (16 points total)
3. Physical Science (16 points total)
4. Life Science (14 points total)

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

1. Nature of Science (11 points total)
2. Earth and Space Sciences (15 points total)
3. Physical Science (15 points total)
4. Life Science (15 points total)

### Resources:

1. USA Test Prep
2. Study Island
3. Generation Genius
4. Florida Department of Education <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/science.stml>
5. Floridastudents.org <https://www.floridastudents.org/#29|0|0|0>

### What students can do at home?

1. Students should review class notes daily.
2. Review Study Guides/Science Countdown
3. Use online resources to practice question types- USA Test Prep, Study Island and Generation Genius

### Test Details:

- Science assessments are administered in two 80-minute sessions.
  - Grade 5 Science is administered over two days.
  - Grade 8 Science is administered in one day.
- Students taking the grade 8 Science assessment will receive a hand-held, four-function calculator and a Periodic Table of the Elements for use during the assessment. Please see the Calculator and Reference Sheet Policies for Florida Statewide Assessments for more information.
- **Paper Based**
- Number of Items: **60-66**