

ALL: NEW LANGUAGE ARTS/READING BENCHMARKS AND FCAT ITEM SPECIFICATIONS

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2010-2011?

- All schools must align all Language Arts and Reading courses to the 2007 benchmarks and 2009 FCAT Item Specifications. The Florida Assessment Office plans to remove the 2009 Item Specifications documents from the DOE website (<http://fcat.fldoe.org/fcatis01.asp>) in the near future, revise them by removing all references to short and extended response items, add an additional reading benchmark, and release the new version to the website in December 2010.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Schools must ensure that all lessons, IFCs, tests, and practice materials are aligned to the 2007 benchmarks and 2009 FCAT Item Specifications (update to 2010 FCAT Specifications when released in December).

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- Students will not be adequately prepared for the FCAT Reading 2.0 assessments.
- Teachers will be liable for not teaching students the current benchmarks.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- All school principals, assistant principals, school support staff (i.e., reading coaches, reading resource specialists, ESE specialists, guidance counselors), teachers, students

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- All stakeholders will be informed when the finalized item specs are posted to the web.
- Additional information will be shared with administration and school-based coaches for distribution to staff.
- Curriculum specialists, reading coaches, department chairs, and trainers will embed information on the new standards into trainings, meetings, and periodic updates.

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