



# FCAT EXPLORER

SUPPORTING YOUR INSTRUCTION WITH EXPLICIT PRACTICE



**P** **ractice Makes Progress!** FCAT Explorer was designed to support your instruction on FCAT-tested benchmarks by providing explicit, research-based practice. FCAT Explorer helps your students make real progress on the skills they need for success in the classroom, on the FCAT, and in life.

## EXPAND YOUR INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

Derived from the Sunshine State Standards, FCAT Explorer is an innovative, Web-based instructional support tool that gives students independent practice and learning guidance.

### ALL practice programs provide

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

### MATH programs provide

- benchmark practice for grades 5, 8, and 10
- multiple-, gridded-, and charted-response items
- online, FCAT-like calculator and reference sheet
- Hints and Correct Answer Explanations
- benchmark-based math games.

### READING programs provide

- benchmark practice for grades 3, 4, 6, 8, and 10
- adjusted readability level and instructional support based on individual performance
- research-based, vocabulary-building exercises preceding every passage
- game-like, vocabulary-reinforcement activities
- comprehension monitoring strategies
- mandatory review of highlighted passage excerpts for text-based incorrect answers.

### SCIENCE programs provide

- benchmark practice for grades 5, 8, and 11
- instructional feedback for every answer choice
- remedial lessons online, FCAT-like calculator and reference sheet
- game-like science vocabulary activities.

## GIVE YOUR STUDENTS MORE PRACTICE

The Florida Department of Education works with Florida's best teachers and test professionals to make FCAT Explorer a powerful program that students will enjoy using. Even if your school already uses commercial practice programs, you can receive motivation and time-on-task by incorporating FCAT Explorer into your lesson plans—and it's free!

## BUILD YOUR LESSONS FROM PROGRESS DATA

On the FCAT Explorer Classroom Teacher's Desk, you'll find an array of tools and resources designed to support data-driven lesson planning and classroom instruction. You can

- print progress reports for individuals and classes
- enroll students and add or edit passwords
- print passages, items, fluency lists, letters to parents, certificates, and other resources
- review program maps of benchmarks and skills
- access exercises, activities, and games
- send messages to students
- refer parents to the Parent & Family Guide.

## START TODAY!

You and your students can use FCAT Explorer at school, at the public library, at home—anywhere there is a computer with Internet access. To find out your sign-in name and password, ask your FCAT Explorer School Administrator, or call the FCAT Explorer Support Team at 1-888-750-3228.

## PRACTICE MAKES PROGRESS!

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