



FCAT EXPLORER

HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED



P **practice Makes Progress!** That's why the Florida Department of Education built 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

FCAT Explorer is a set of free, Web-based practice programs. The content is built from the Sunshine State Standards that are tested on the FCAT. Kids can practice by themselves because the programs give them corrective feedback 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
- strategies to guide comprehension while reading
- guided review of passage highlights to help students correct mistakes.

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.

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 at 1-888-750-3228.

ALL YOU NEED IS INTERNET ACCESS

Your child can use FCAT Explorer for free on any computer with Internet access. For help using FCAT Explorer, go to www.fcatexplorer.com and click Technical Help at the top of the page, or call the FCAT Explorer Support Team at the number listed above.

LOTS OF PRACTICE AT LOTS OF LEVELS

Your child's sign-in name and password provide access to every FCAT Explorer reading, math, and science program. Your child can practice in the programs at, or closest to, his or her grade level, or at lower grade levels to build confidence. Higher grade levels offer an additional challenge. No matter where your child practices, you can be sure it is 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. Go to www.fcatexplorer.com and click Parent & Family Guide. It's currently available in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole. You'll find information about FCAT Explorer programs, the Sunshine State Standards, the many ways you can help your child succeed, and much more!

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