



# **The Florida Standards**

**New State Standards: 2014-2015 School Year**

# **The Florida Standards Why Are We Changing?**



- **Emphasize success in college and careers**
- **Prepare students with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills**
- **Provide more rigorous content and application of knowledge**
- **Place emphasis on critical and analytical thinking**
- **Establish clear, consistent guidelines for instruction**

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## **What Subjects Are Included?**



- **Language Arts Florida Standards (LAFS) and Mathematics Florida Standards (MAFS) provide a clear set of goals and expectations**
- **Define what students should know and be able to do at each grade level – kindergarten through grade 12**

# **The Florida Standards What Do They Mean For Teaching and Learning?**



## **LAFS**

- **Regular practice with complex text & academic language**
- **Reading, writing, listening and speaking grounded in evidence from text**
- **Real world applications**
- **Build knowledge through content-rich text**

## **MAFS**

- **Deeper understanding of mathematical concepts**
- **Builds habits of mind of productive mathematical thinkers**
- **Real-world applications**
- **Modeling with pictures technology, graphs, manipulatives**

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## What About the New Assessments?



- **LAFS and MAFS will be assessed with the new Florida Standards Assessments (FSA)**
- **Spring 2015 administration of middle school assessments will include:**
  - **English Language Arts (ELA): Grades 6-8**
  - **ELA Writing Component: Grades 6-8**
  - **Mathematics: Grades 6-8**

*Grades 6-8 will have Computer Based Testing for all of these assessments*



# What Are the Standards and Assessments For Science and Social Sciences?



- **2008 Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) remain for science and social sciences**
- **Science FCAT 2.0: Grade 8**
- **Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Exam: Grade 7**  
*This is a computer based test*

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## How May I Help My Child?



- Read different types of books and informational text with your child
- Ask your child to find answers to questions in the text of books, newspaper articles, manuals, etc.
- Encourage your child to form and defend opinions by supporting these with facts, details and reasons from text
- Discuss mathematics ideas with your child have them explain these to you using pictures, graphs, etc.
- Visit the Florida Standards Assessment online portal at: [www.fsassessments.org](http://www.fsassessments.org) to become familiar with the new assessments.