

## 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. Go to [www.fcatexplorer.com](http://www.fcatexplorer.com)

1. Enter your child's username, which is their last name and first initial. For example, if your child's name were Jane Smith, the user name would be Smithj.
2. Enter your child's password, which is the district number (59), first four letters of their last name, the two-digit month and two-digit date of their birthday. For example if Jane Smith was born on 09/10/1996, her password would be 59smit0910.
3. Once you have type in the username and password, click on "sign in."

## 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](http://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!