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Spring 2015 Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) Form 1		
NGSSS Benchmark	Content Focus	Number of Points Possible
Reporting Category 1. Origins and Purposes of Law and Government		
SS.7.C.1.2	Mayflower Compact	1
SS.7.C.1.3	English policies	1
SS.7.C.1.4	Colonial grievances; Natural rights; Popular sovereignty	3
SS.7.C.1.5	Articles of Confederation; Shays' Rebellion	2
SS.7.C.1.6	Preamble	1
SS.7.C.1.7	Separation of powers	1
SS.7.C.1.8	Bill of Rights	1
SS.7.C.1.9	Rule of law	1
SS.7.C.3.10	Constitutional law	1
Reporting Category Point Total		12
Reporting Category 2. Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of Citizens		
SS.7.C.2.1	Citizenship	1
SS.7.C.2.2	Obligations of citizenship; Selective service; Voter qualifications	3
SS.7.C.2.4	Bill of Rights; Self-incrimination	2
SS.7.C.2.5	Balancing rights; Habeas corpus and right to counsel; Limits on rights	3
SS.7.C.3.6	Civil disobedience; Constitutional rights	2
SS.7.C.3.7	Poll tax	1
Reporting Category Point Total		12
Reporting Category 3. Government Policies and Political Processes		
SS.7.C.2.8	Democratic Party; Political parties	2
SS.7.C.2.9	Political qualifications; State election requirements	2
SS.7.C.2.10	Impact of media	1
SS.7.C.2.11	Political communication; Propaganda	2
SS.7.C.2.12	Government agencies	1
SS.7.C.2.13	Current issues	1
SS.7.C.4.2	International organizations; Nongovernmental organizations	2
SS.7.C.4.3	Korean War	1
Reporting Category Point Total		12

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**Spring 2015 Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment
Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS)
Form 1, continued**

Reporting Category 4. Organization and Function of Government

SS.7.C.3.1	Representative democracy; Types of government	2
SS.7.C.3.2	Unitary system	1
SS.7.C.3.4	Distribution of powers	1
SS.7.C.3.5	Amendment process	2
SS.7.C.3.9	Law making process	1
SS.7.C.3.11	Jury trials; Role of juries	2
SS.7.C.3.13	Constitutional comparison; Supremacy	2
SS.7.C.3.14	Powers of local government	1
<i>Reporting Category Point Total</i>		12

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Spring 2015 Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) Form 2		
NGSSS Benchmark	Content Focus	Number of Points Possible
Reporting Category 1. Origins and Purposes of Law and Government		
SS.7.C.1.2	Mayflower Compact	1
SS.7.C.1.3	English policies; Stamp Act	2
SS.7.C.1.4	Natural rights; Popular sovereignty; Role of government	3
SS.7.C.1.5	Constitutional Convention; Shays' Rebellion	2
SS.7.C.1.6	Preamble	1
SS.7.C.1.8	Anti-Federalists	1
SS.7.C.1.9	Rule of law	1
SS.7.C.3.10	Constitutional law	1
Reporting Category Point Total		12
Reporting Category 2. Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of Citizens		
SS.7.C.2.1	Rights of citizens	1
SS.7.C.2.2	Obligations of citizenship; Responsibilities of citizens; Voter qualifications	3
SS.7.C.2.4	Bill of Rights; Double jeopardy	2
SS.7.C.2.5	Balancing rights; Freedom of speech; Limits on rights	3
SS.7.C.3.6	Constitutional rights	1
SS.7.C.3.7	Twenty-Fourth Amendment	1
SS.7.C.3.12	<i>Bush v. Gore</i>	1
Reporting Category Point Total		12
Reporting Category 3. Government Policies and Political Processes		
SS.7.C.2.8	Democratic Party	1
SS.7.C.2.9	Political qualifications; State election requirements	2
SS.7.C.2.10	Groups influencing government	1
SS.7.C.2.11	Bias; Identifying bias; Political communication	3
SS.7.C.2.13	Role of government	1
SS.7.C.4.1	Foreign policy	1
SS.7.C.4.2	International organizations	2
SS.7.C.4.3	Korean War	1
Reporting Category Point Total		12

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Spring 2015 Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) Form 2, continued		
Reporting Category 4. Organization and Function of Government		
SS.7.C.3.1	Oligarchy	1
SS.7.C.3.2	Unitary system	1
SS.7.C.3.3	Veto	1
SS.7.C.3.4	Distribution of powers; Tenth Amendment	2
SS.7.C.3.5	Amendment process	2
SS.7.C.3.8	Judicial review	1
SS.7.C.3.9	Lawmaking process	1
SS.7.C.3.11	Jury trials	1
SS.7.C.3.13	Compare constitutions	1
SS.7.C.3.14	Concurrent powers	1
Reporting Category Point Total		12

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**Spring 2015 Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment
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Form 3**

NGSSS Benchmark	Content Focus	Number of Points Possible
Reporting Category 1. Origins and Purposes of Law and Government		
SS.7.C.1.1	Separation of powers	1
SS.7.C.1.2	Mayflower Compact	1
SS.7.C.1.3	English policies	1
SS.7.C.1.4	Consent of the governed; Natural rights; Popular sovereignty	3
SS.7.C.1.5	Articles of Confederation; Shays' Rebellion	2
SS.7.C.1.6	Preamble	1
SS.7.C.1.7	Checks and balances	1
SS.7.C.1.8	Federalist beliefs	1
SS.7.C.3.10	Constitutional law	1
Reporting Category Point Total		12
Reporting Category 2. Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of Citizens		
SS.7.C.2.2	Obligations of citizenship; Responsibilities of citizens; Voter qualifications	3
SS.7.C.2.4	Bill of Rights; Freedom of the press	2
SS.7.C.2.5	Balancing rights; Limits on rights	2
SS.7.C.3.6	Constitutional rights; Equal protection clause	2
SS.7.C.3.7	Twenty-Fourth Amendment; Twenty-Sixth Amendment	2
SS.7.C.3.12	<i>Gideon v. Wainwright</i>	1
Reporting Category Point Total		12
Reporting Category 3. Government Policies and Political Processes		
SS.7.C.2.8	Democratic Party; Political parties	2
SS.7.C.2.9	Political qualifications; State election requirements	2
SS.7.C.2.10	Influencing government	1
SS.7.C.2.11	Political communication; Propaganda	2
SS.7.C.2.13	Current issues	1
SS.7.C.4.1	Foreign policy	1
SS.7.C.4.2	International organizations	1
SS.7.C.4.3	Cuban Missile Crisis; Korean War	2
Reporting Category Point Total		12

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**Spring 2015 Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment
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Form 3, continued**

Reporting Category 4. Organization and Function of Government

SS.7.C.3.1	Republic and oligarchy	1
SS.7.C.3.2	Unitary system	1
SS.7.C.3.3	Functions of the legislative branch	1
SS.7.C.3.4	Distribution of powers; Supremacy clause	2
SS.7.C.3.5	Amendment process	2
SS.7.C.3.8	Presidential power	1
SS.7.C.3.9	Law making process	1
SS.7.C.3.11	Jury trials	1
SS.7.C.3.13	Florida and U.S. Constitutions; Government structure	2
Reporting Category Point Total		12

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Spring 2015 Civics End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) Form 4		
NGSSS Benchmark	Content Focus	Number of Points Possible
Reporting Category 1. Origins and Purposes of Law and Government		
SS.7.C.1.1	Montesquieu	1
SS.7.C.1.2	Mayflower Compact	1
SS.7.C.1.3	English policies	1
SS.7.C.1.4	Natural rights; Popular sovereignty	2
SS.7.C.1.5	Shays' Rebellion	1
SS.7.C.1.6	Preamble	1
SS.7.C.1.7	Checks and balances; Separation of powers	2
SS.7.C.1.8	Anti-Federalists	1
SS.7.C.1.9	Rule of law	1
SS.7.C.3.10	Constitutional law	1
Reporting Category Point Total		12
Reporting Category 2. Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of Citizens		
SS.7.C.2.2	Obligations of citizenship; Voter qualifications	2
SS.7.C.2.4	Bill of Rights; First Amendment; Rights of citizens	3
SS.7.C.2.5	Balancing rights; Limits on rights; Right to appeal	3
SS.7.C.3.6	Constitutional rights; Women's rights	2
SS.7.C.3.7	Poll tax	1
SS.7.C.3.12	<i>Marbury v. Madison</i>	1
Reporting Category Point Total		12
Reporting Category 3. Government Policies and Political Processes		
SS.7.C.2.8	Democratic Party	1
SS.7.C.2.9	Political qualifications; State election requirements	2
SS.7.C.2.10	Internet usage	1
SS.7.C.2.11	Political communication; Propaganda	2
SS.7.C.4.1	Diplomacy; Foreign policy	2
SS.7.C.4.2	International organizations; United Nations	2
SS.7.C.4.3	Korean War; World War I	2
Reporting Category Point Total		12

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Form 4, continued**

Reporting Category 4. Organization and Function of Government

SS.7.C.3.2	Federal system; Unitary system	2
SS.7.C.3.4	Distribution of powers	1
SS.7.C.3.5	Amendment process	3
SS.7.C.3.8	Impeachment process	1
SS.7.C.3.9	Law making process	1
SS.7.C.3.11	Appellate courts; Jury trials	2
SS.7.C.3.13	Florida and U.S. Constitutions	1
SS.7.C.3.14	Reserved powers	1
Reporting Category Point Total		12

What is content focus?

"Content focus" is a term that defines the specific content measured by each Spring 2015 Civics EOC Assessment test item.

The Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) benchmarks and content foci assessed on the Spring 2015 Civics EOC Assessment are not predictive of future Civics EOC Assessments.

What cautions should be considered when using Content Focus Reports?

Content Focus Reports should not be used to make decisions about instruction at the individual student level. Some reporting categories have too few test items to report reliable or meaningful scores at the student level. While well-intended, providing remedial instruction in a specific reporting category may not be justified and may be an inefficient use of instructional time. Content focus data should not be used as sole indicators to determine remedial needs of students.

When interpreting content focus data, the following cautions and information should also be considered:

- The number of items in a reporting category may vary from one year to another. Consequently, users should not compare performance data such as mean percent correct.
- Mean content area scores for each test form might be different; therefore, users should not compare content area scores across test forms.
- The difficulty of the items measuring each benchmark will vary from one year to the next. Consequently, users should not compare content area scores across years.
- The analysis is based on state-level data that are not intended to provide specific classroom, school, or district interpretations.
- Scale score values cannot accurately be determined using Content Focus Reports for a number of reasons. For instance, test scores are generated from students' performance on the entirety of the test, which accounts for the difficulty (also called cognitive complexity) of test items.

How may content area scores be used?

Guidance on how content area scores may be used by schools and districts is provided on pages 11-12 of [Understanding Florida End-of-Course Assessment Reports, Spring 2015](#) (PDF).