



# **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**

# The Florida Standards 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 senior high school assessments will include:**
  - **English Language Arts (ELA): grades 9-11**
  - **ELA Writing Component: grades 9-11**
- **FSA End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2**

*FSA and EOC assessments are computer-based*

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



- **2008 Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) remain for science and social sciences**
- **End-of-Course (EOC) assessments for senior high school students:**
  - **Biology 1**
  - **11<sup>th</sup> Grade United States History**
  - **“Retakes” for Algebra 1, FCAT 2.0 Reading, Biology 1, and FCAT SSS Mathematic**

*Results on EOC assessments constitute 30% of the final course grade.*

# The Florida Standards 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.