

FTCE General Knowledge Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

— Questions	4h 5m Time limit	200 scaled score on eac... Passing score
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The numbers to remember

- ELS Subtest (826): ~30 questions, 40 minutes
- Reading Subtest (827): ~30 questions, 55 minutes
- Mathematics Subtest (828): ~35 questions, 100 minutes
- Essay Subtest (825): 1 essay, 50 minutes
- 15-minute break if you take all four subtests in one session
- Fees: \$32.50 (one subtest), \$65 (two), \$97.50 (three), \$130 (all four)
- Format: computer-based test (CBT)
- Official score reports are released within 4 weeks of testing — plan certification deadlines around that window, not around test day itself

Subtests and scores

- Passing scaled score on ELS, Reading, and Mathematics: at least 200 each — this is the general passing scale score for any multiple-choice or composite test, not a per-subtest special case
- Passing essay score (current standard): at least 6 of 8 total points
- If you sat for the essay on or before Dec 31, 2024: the older passing standard was at least 8 of 12 points — know which rubric applies to your test date
- You must pass all four subtests to pass the GK — there is no averaging across subtests, and no partial credit for being close on one while excelling on another
- A subtest you've already passed is locked in for three years — don't schedule a retake of something you cleared

High-yield review areas

- ELS: grammar, usage, sentence structure, editing — best built with short daily drills rather than one long cram session
- Reading: passage comprehension and analysis under a strict 55-minute clock, where rereading every passage twice will cost you time you don't have
- Mathematics: the longest subtest at 100 minutes for roughly 35 questions — don't shortchange content review here if it's been years since coursework
- Essay: full timed writing practice, not just outlining — a few minutes to plan and a few to proofread pays off inside the 50-minute limit

Top traps

- Assuming a strong subtest score offsets a weak one — it doesn't; every subtest must independently pass
- Retaking a subtest you already passed — you can't for three years, and there's no benefit to trying
- Scheduling a retake too soon — you must wait 31 calendar days after an unpassed attempt before retaking that subtest
- Treating essay prep like multiple-choice prep — the essay is scored on its own 8-point rubric, separate from the scaled-score system used for the other three subtests

- Practicing untimed — the real constraint on test day is the clock, especially on Reading and Mathematics

Official sources

- Florida Department of Education / FTCE-FELE (Pearson) — General Knowledge Test (GK) (082) - FTCE:
<https://www.fl.nesinc.com/testPage.asp?test=GK>
- Florida Department of Education / FTCE-FELE (Pearson) — FTCE/FELE Score Interpretation Guide:
https://www.fl.nesinc.com/pdfs/fl_scrinterguide.pdf
- Florida Department of Education — Maximum percentages needed to pass, February 2026:
<https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7664/urlt/FTCEFELEMaxPercentTable.pdf>

Free practice questions for this exam: www.everyexamprep.com/exams/ftce-general-knowledge/practice-test