

FCPS eCART

What is eCART?

FCPS eCART, Electronic Curriculum Assessment Resource Tool, is a web-based teacher resource that provides access to instructional materials at the teacher's desktop.

The development of eCART is allowing FCPS to lead the way in demonstrating how technology can support instruction by providing up-to-date curriculum, resources, and assessments to teachers in the classroom. This undertaking is one of the first of its kind in education.

Students and parents will notice the impact of eCART primarily in the area of assessments—eCART assessments will replace the BART assessments that were given in elementary and middle school. Twice a year, students in select grades and subjects will take division assessments that will provide data to teachers and curriculum specialists to identify student learning needs.

Through the use of eCART, teachers will have searchable access to the most current curriculum and resources for planning and delivering instruction. eCART will also allow teachers to create and deliver both FCPS- and teacher-created assessments, helping guide the day-to-day instruction of students. At this point students and parents will not have the same level of access to results and resources that were available in the BART system; however, these improvements are being considered for the future. In the meantime, teachers will be able to readily share results with students and parents.

eCART Implementation Highlights

2007 - 2008

A pilot was conducted at 30 FCPS schools.

2008 - 2009

Fall 2008 - Divisionwide release for the core disciplines of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

There will be a focus on professional development for educators in the use of this new tool and data analysis.

Next Steps

Disciplines beyond the four core areas of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies will have resources and curriculum added to eCART.

What are the Expansion Plans for FCPS eCART?

FCPS eCART is being developed with the flexibility to move into the future and meet the FCPS student achievement goals of academics, essential life skills, and responsibility to the community.

eCART is a very flexible tool and different schools have chosen to use it in different ways. For more information about your school's use of eCART contact your child's teacher.

Where can I get more information?

Additional information and updates will be posted at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/FCPSeCART/>.