



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Recently public-school students across our state took the new state progress monitoring assessment also referred to as the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST). FAST is aligned to the Florida Benchmark for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) content standards that are being taught in reading and math. The reading assessment was administered to students in grades 3-10 and the math assessment was administered to students in grades 3-8.

There will be three progress monitoring (PM) windows for FAST:

- **PM1** – because this administration occurs at the very beginning of the school year, it is designed to provide a baseline score so teachers can track student progress in learning the B.E.S.T. Standards from PM1 to PM2.
- **PM2** – this administration will provide a mid-year score to compare to the baseline score from PM1.
- **PM3** – this last administration will provide a summative score that will accurately measure student mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards at the end of the school year.

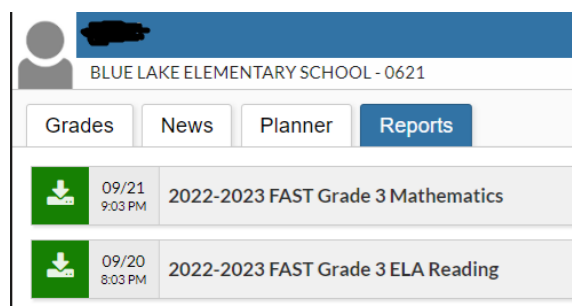
### PM1 and PM2 Scores

Each progress monitoring test covers the full “test blueprint,” meaning that all content expectations for that subject and grade level are assessed. Therefore, for PM 1 and PM2, your student may not yet be at grade level; however, this does not necessarily indicate that a student is not on track to succeed. It is important for teachers and families to understand that score information is intended to provide baseline and mid-year results for PM1 and PM2 respectively. These results are for informational purposes only and should be used to identify areas that may need additional instruction and support. These results should not be considered student achievement designations.

### PM3 Scores

PM3 provides a summative score at the end of the year to measure student mastery of the grade-level content standards. The PM3 student report will show a student’s performance for all three windows for comparison, if the student participated in each PM opportunity.

**Scores are available to students and parents on the Student and Parent Portals under the Reports tab:**



In addition to the score report there is a document titled Understanding FAST Grades 3-10 ELA and Mathematics Reports for Families available on the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal at [www.flfast.org](http://www.flfast.org), click on Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST), Students and Families, and the link is under Resources for Students & Families.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.