



# WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT Statewide Assessment Information

## Greetings parents and guardians!

The Florida Statewide Assessment Program's primary purpose is to measure students' achievement of Florida's education standards. This letter is to inform you that your student will participate in the following statewide assessments:

Elementary		Middle		High	
<b>Kindergarten</b> STAR Math: April 18th STAR Early Literacy: April 25th	<b>3rd Grade</b> Reading: May 2nd Math: May 11th	<b>6th Grade</b> Reading: May 2nd Math: May 11th	<b>Algebra 1</b> May 9th	<b>9th Grade</b> Reading: May 11th	<b>Algebra 1</b> May 9th
<b>1st Grade</b> STAR Math: April 19th STAR Reading: April 26th	<b>4th Grade</b> Reading: May 3rd Math: May 10th	<b>7th Grade</b> Reading: May 3rd Math: May 10th	<b>Civics</b> May 16th	<b>10th Grade</b> Reading: May 10th	<b>Geometry</b> May 2nd
<b>2nd Grade</b> STAR Math: April 20th STAR Reading: April 24th	<b>5th Grade</b> Reading: May 4th Math: May 9th Science: May 10th & 11th	<b>8th Grade</b> Reading: May 4th Math: May 9th Science: May 10th	<b>Geometry</b> May 2nd		<b>U.S. History</b> May 3rd
					<b>FCLE (U.S. GOV'T)</b> May 1st

### FLORIDA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT THINKING (FAST) PM3:

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year in Reading and Mathematics. The results from PM3 will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how a student responds, and each student will see different questions.

For K-2 students, the Star Early Literacy assessment typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 20 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.

For Grades 3-10 students, all FAST assessments are administered in one session in one day, and any students still working at the end of the scheduled testing time may continue working up until the end of the school day.

### FLORIDA STATEWIDE SCIENCE ASSESSMENT:

The Statewide Science Assessment measures Grades 5 and 8 student achievement of Florida's State Academic Standards in Science.

The Grade 5 Statewide Science Assessment consists of two 80-minute paper-based test sessions administered over two days. The Grade 8 Statewide Science Assessment consists of two 80-minute paper-based test sessions administered in one day.

### END OF COURSE ASSESSMENTS:

EOC assessments are computer-based, criterion-referenced assessments that measure the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards or the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) for specific courses, as outlined in their course descriptions. B.E.S.T. Algebra 1, B.E.S.T. Geometry, Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History EOC assessments are each administered in one 160-minute session, but students may continue working up to the length of a typical school day, if needed. EOCs are used to calculate 30% of the student's course grade.

### FLORIDA CIVIC LITERACY EXAM (FCLE):

In accordance with Florida Statutes, students taking a United States Government course are required to take the FCLE. Students who earn a passing score on the FCLE are exempt from the state's postsecondary civic literacy assessment requirement. The FCLE is administered in one 160-minute session. Any student who has not completed the session by the end of the allotted time may continue working up to half the length of a typical school day.

### PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING POLICIES WITH YOUR STUDENT BEFORE TESTING:

- Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them.** If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.
- Calculator Policy**—For Grades 7-8 FAST Mathematics, B.E.S.T. Algebra 1, and B.E.S.T. Geometry assessments, approved handheld scientific calculators may be used. For Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, Grade 8 Science, and the Biology 1 EOC, a handheld four-function calculator may be used. No other calculators may be used. For the Grade 5 Science assessment, calculators may not be used.
- Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking the box in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.
- Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that "discussing" test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**
- Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

## Test Prep



[Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math Sample Items](#)

[FAST Reading and Mathematics, EOC and FCLE Computer-Based Practice Tests](#)

[Statewide Science Assessment Sample Questions and Answer Keys](#) under the "Paper-Based Practice Tests" tab.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FLORIDA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT THE PORTAL AT [WWW.FLFAST.ORG](http://WWW.FLFAST.ORG).

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT AND ENCOURAGING HIM OR HER TO DO HIS OR HER BEST DURING THIS TEST ADMINISTRATION.

