

2024-25 School Year Block-Out Dates

6/26/24 (Dates Subject to Change)

State Testing:

Block-out dates are intended to keep students and staff directly impacted by state testing in the classroom environment prior to and during testing.

- FAST PM1 Block-Out Dates: **August 27-September 6 (K-2)**
September 3-September 12 (3-10)
- FAST PM2 Block-Out Dates: **January 7-14 (Grades 3-10); January 8-24 (K-2)**
- B.E.S.T. Writing Block-Out Dates: **March 27-April 3 (Grades 4-10)**
- EOC Assessment Block-Out Dates Secondary: **April 24-May 30**
- FAST PM3 Block-Out Dates: **April 15-April 25 (K-2); April 24-May 15 (Grades 3-10)**
- Science Block-Out Dates: **April 29-May 6 (Grade 5); May 6-13 (Grade 8)**

During Block-Out Dates for State Testing schools should abide by the following:

- No temporary duty should be approved for a teacher who is impacted by testing if a substitute is required.
- No staff development that requires a teacher to miss class should be scheduled.
- No student should participate in an activity that prevents them from taking a state assessment.
- Co-curriculum activities such as music competitions, science fairs, and FFA competitions are allowed. Please communicate with your school's testing coordinator so arrangements can be made for these students to test around these activities.
- Field studies can be approved for grades/subjects not scheduled to test.

In addition to the above guidelines, the collective bargaining agreement between the School Board and VTO contains the following restrictions on Paid Personal Leave:

Paid Personal Leave shall not be used during the week prior to the FAST ELA and Math, B.E.S.T. Writing, and Statewide Science being administered, or on any day in which those assessments are being administered, excluding make up days, without the specific approval of the principal.

Please note that there is no guarantee that Paid Personal leave requests will be approved for a teacher during the week prior to, or day of an **EOC exam** for a course taught by that teacher.

Any modifications to these guidelines must be approved by your Assistant Superintendent.