



Dear Home Education Parent:

Students participating in an established Florida Home Education Program (FHEP) may participate in the Spring 2026 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST), Statewide Science Assessment, and/or the Florida End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments. A passing score on these tests fulfills the evaluation requirements for educational progress as stated in Chapter 1002.41, F.S.

If you wish for your child to participate in any of these tests, you must complete the online registration form and submit it **no later than March 27, 2026**. The online registration form can be accessed by visiting the District’s website, click Directory, click Departments, scroll down and click Research, Evaluation & Accountability. On the left click on Assessment and scroll down to Home Education Students. **Late registrations will not be accepted.** Once your student is registered, his/her student information will be verified, and you will be sent a confirmation email the week of March 30<sup>th</sup> with the contact information for the school’s testing coordinator.

Students must be present on all days and times of testing arranged with the school. Students must take both Reading and Math tests in order to satisfy the annual evaluation for a home education program under Florida Statute 1002.41.

**Spring 2026 Testing Schedule**

Testing Date or Window	Grade	Test	Computer or Paper-Based	Time	Additional Details
May 5	3-9	FAST ELA Reading	Computer-Based	120 min or up to full school day/1 day	
May 7	10	FAST ELA Reading	Computer-Based	120 min or up to full school day/1 day	
May 12	3-5	FAST Math	Computer-Based	100 min or up to full school day/1 day	
May 12	8	Statewide Science	Computer-Based	160 min/1 day	
May 12	By Course	Science EOC (Biology)	Computer-Based	160 min or up to full school day/1 day	
May 12	By Course	Social Studies EOC (Civics – middle school only)	Computer-Based	160 min or up to full school day/1 day	
May 13	By Course	Social Studies EOC (US History – high school only)	Computer-Based	160 min or up to full school day/1 day	
May 14	6-8	FAST Math	Computer-Based	120 min or up to full school day/1 day	
May 14	By Course	B.E.S.T. EOCs (Algebra 1 and Geometry)	Computer-Based	160 min or up to full school day/1 day	
May 19	5	Statewide Science	Computer-Based	160 min/1 day	

The parent of a Florida Home Education Program (FHEP) student participating in the testing program is responsible for the following:

- ✓ **Complete online registration by March 27, 2026.**
- ✓ **Provide transportation for your child to and from the school for each test day.**
- ✓ **Provide emergency contact information and any health concerns to school staff on each test day.**
- ✓ **Provide proof of student’s identification- School photo ID, Government-issued ID, Passport, Fingerprint Card with Photo ID, Parent Driver’s License (if the student does not have photo ID)**
- ✓ **Ensure that your child adheres to all school regulations, in particular, those related to the testing program.**
- ✓ **Notify the school in a timely manner if your child will be absent on any scheduled test day.**

The deadline of March 27<sup>th</sup> for submitting the registration form must be met so schools can prepare for your students to test with them. You will receive a confirmation email the week of March 30<sup>th</sup> with your zoned school's contact information. **You will be responsible for contacting the home-zoned school at least one week prior to testing to verify your child's specific testing details.** If your child requires special accommodations for instruction and will need accommodations for the test setting, such **accommodations must be requested in writing on the Test Registration Form, along with supporting documentation at the time of registration.** Please note that the guidelines for provision of testing accommodations for each testing program and subject may differ. Some accommodations which may be provided in an instructional setting are specifically prohibited during testing; therefore, those accommodations cannot be provided, even if requested.

The table below notes which components of the FAST, Statewide Science Assessment, and EOC Assessments are administered at each grade level. The tests are available only to students in the grades listed. **It is not required for a student to participate in all the tests available at a specific grade level.**

**Grade Levels Tested: FAST, Statewide Science Assessment, and EOC Assessments**

Test	Grade Level										
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
FAST ELA Reading				√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
FAST Mathematics				√	√	√	√	√	√		
Statewide Science Assessment						√			√		
Algebra 1 EOC Assessment	Algebra 1 or Equivalent Course										
Biology 1 EOC Assessment	Biology 1 or Equivalent Course										
Civics EOC Assessment	Civics or Equivalent Course (Middle School)										
Geometry EOC Assessment	Geometry or Equivalent Course										
US History EOC Assessment	US History or Equivalent Course (High School)										

**Note: Due to limited computer resources, you will be given a specific day and time to take the test within the testing window. If the student is not present on the assigned day, rescheduling will be available at the school's discretion.**

Sample Tests are offered on the Florida Assessments Statewide Portal. Sample Tests are not required but they will help your student become familiar with the tools available in the platform and with navigating through the online test.

The Sample Tests are located at: <https://flfast.org/families.html>

You will be notified by email how to access your student's scores.

Should you have any further questions, please contact:

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For information regarding the State of Florida Home Education law, options and resources are available at [www.fpea.com](http://www.fpea.com) or you may contact them at 1-877-ASK-FPEA (275-3732). For more information regarding the Florida Department of Education's K-12 Student Assessment Program, please visit <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment>.