Parent and Family School Testing Information

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What is FAST?



FL Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)

- FAST stands for **Florida Assessment of Student Thinking**
- A progress monitoring assessment administered **three times a year**
- **Aligned with the B.E.S.T. standards**

FAST for students in grades K-2

is administered three times a year using Renaissance Learning Star assessments for Literacy, Reading, and Math.

Children in grades 3 – 8

participate in FAST testing for ELA Reading (English Language Arts) and Mathematics. Testing is administered to students three times a year.

FAST is Aligned to the B.E.S.T. Standards

Florida's B.E.S.T. (Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking) Standards are the state's K-12 education standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics

Each grade level has a set of BEST Standards/Skills students need to master by the end of each grade level.

FL Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)

All changes have been saved

FLorida Student Assessments

READING MATH

All Florida students will take three Florida Statewide Assessments during the school year. You will receive their results after each testing window is complete

1. **Beginning of the year**
   (also called Progress Monitoring 1 **OR** PM 1)
2. **Middle of the year**
   (also called Progress Monitoring 2 **OR** PM 2)
3. **End of the year**
   (also called Progress Monitoring 3 **OR** PM 3)

FAST Assessments: Computer-Based Testing



- FAST computer-based assessments are computer-adaptive.
- Questions may become easier or harder depending on student responses.
- Students may see different items from a common item bank.
- Tests include about 35–40 items and cover the test blueprint.

F.A.S.T. Achievement Levels



Well Below Grade Level: Highly likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course

Below Grade Level: Likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course

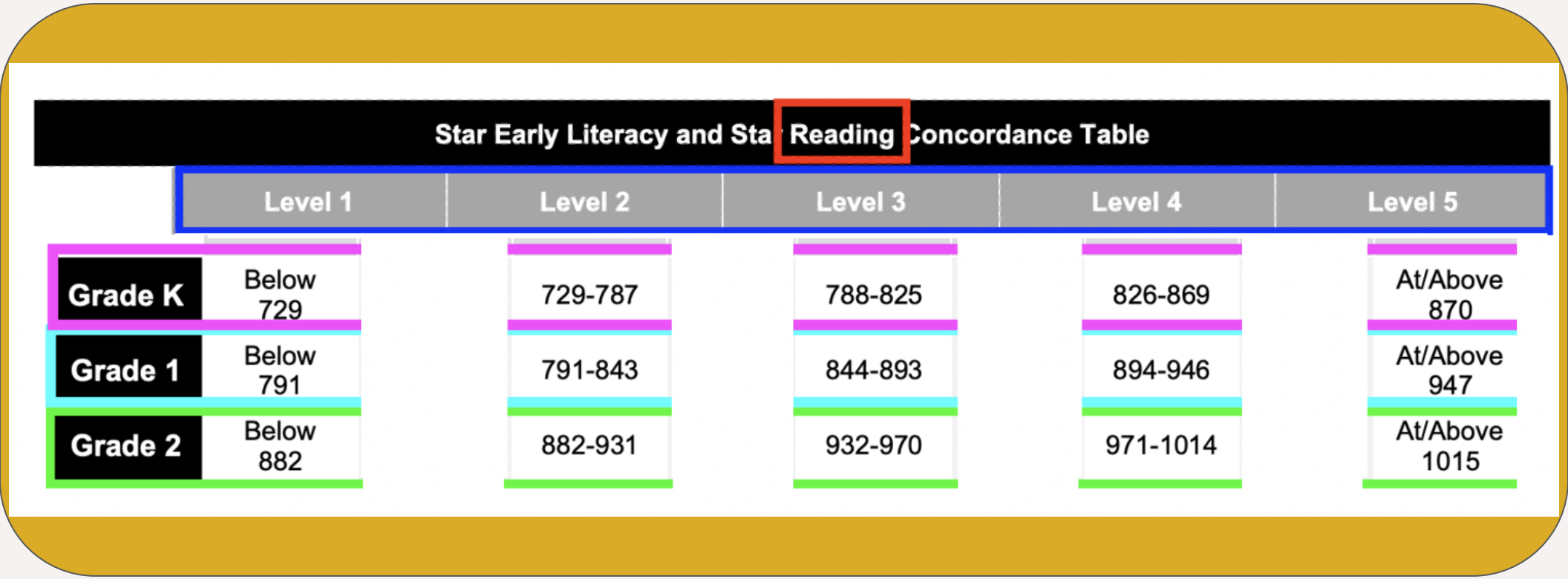
On Grade Level: May need additional support for the next grade/course

Proficient: Likely to excel in the next grade/course

Exemplary: Highly likely to excel in the next grade/course

The student's report will have a graph of achievement levels in both ELA Reading and Math, rating 1-5.

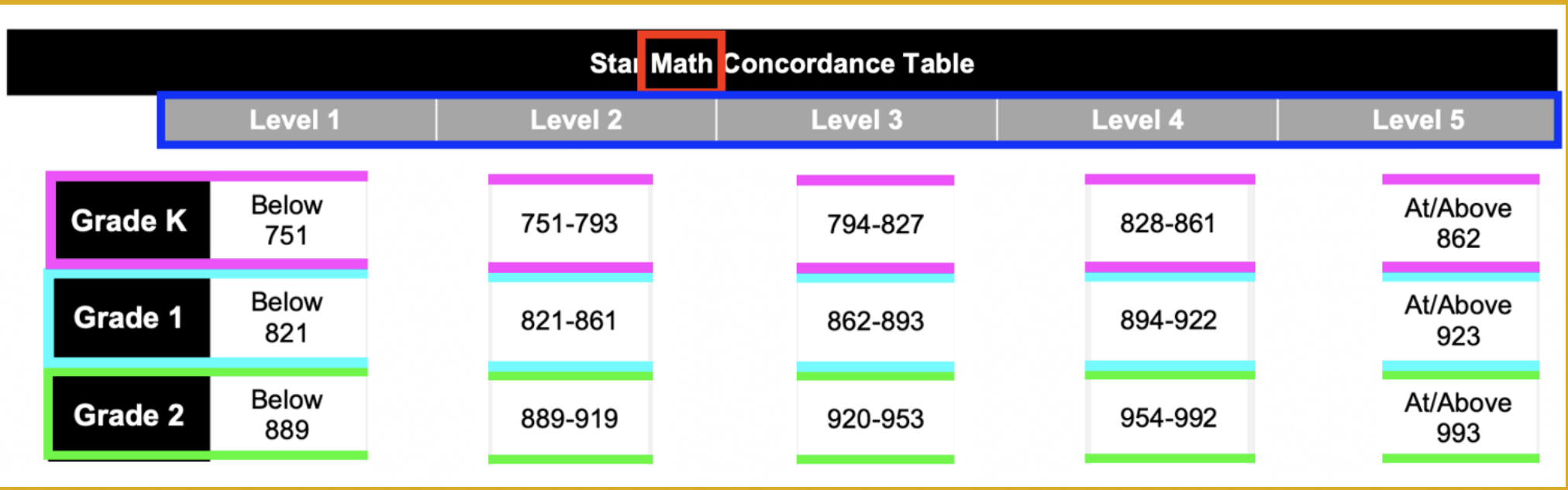
Kinder – 2nd Grade ELA



Star Early Literacy and Star Reading Concordance Table					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade K	Below 729	729-787	788-825	826-869	At/Above 870
Grade 1	Below 791	791-843	844-893	894-946	At/Above 947
Grade 2	Below 882	882-931	932-970	971-1014	At/Above 1015

The student's report will have a graph of achievement levels in both ELA Reading and Math, rating 1-5.

Kinder – 2nd Grade MATH



Star Math Concordance Table

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade K	Below 751	751-793	794-827	828-861	At/Above 862
Grade 1	Below 821	821-861	862-893	894-922	At/Above 923
Grade 2	Below 889	889-919	920-953	954-992	At/Above 993

The student's report will have a graph of achievement levels in both ELA Reading and Math, rating 1-5.

3rd - 5th Grade ELA

FAST and B.E.S.T. Scale Score Ranges for Each Achievement Level

Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade 3 ELA Reading	140–185	186–200	201–212	213–224	225–260
Grade 4 ELA Reading	154–198	199–212	213–223	224–236	237–270
Grade 5 ELA Reading	160–205	206–221	222–231	232–245	246–279

The student's report will have a graph of achievement levels in both ELA Reading and Math, rating 1-5 and a scale score.

3rd - 5th Grade Math

FAST and B.E.S.T. Scale Score Ranges for Each Achievement Level

Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade 3 Mathematics	140–182	183–197	198–208	209–224	225–260
Grade 4 Mathematics	155–199	200–210	211–220	221–237	238–273
Grade 5 Mathematics	158–206	207–221	222–233	234–245	246–285

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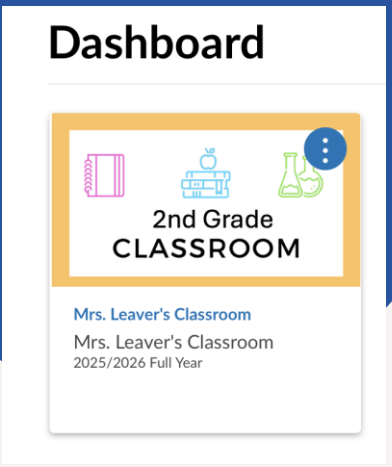
You Can Access This Information For Grades K- 5th

Go to CLEVER

Click on CANVAS



Click on the class tile





Practice and Resources



FAST Assessments: Practice and Resources

- Students can practice on the online testing platform.
- Sample items are available for home review.
- Official information and resources are available through the Florida Department of Education and FAST family portals.

FAST Assessments: Practice and Resources

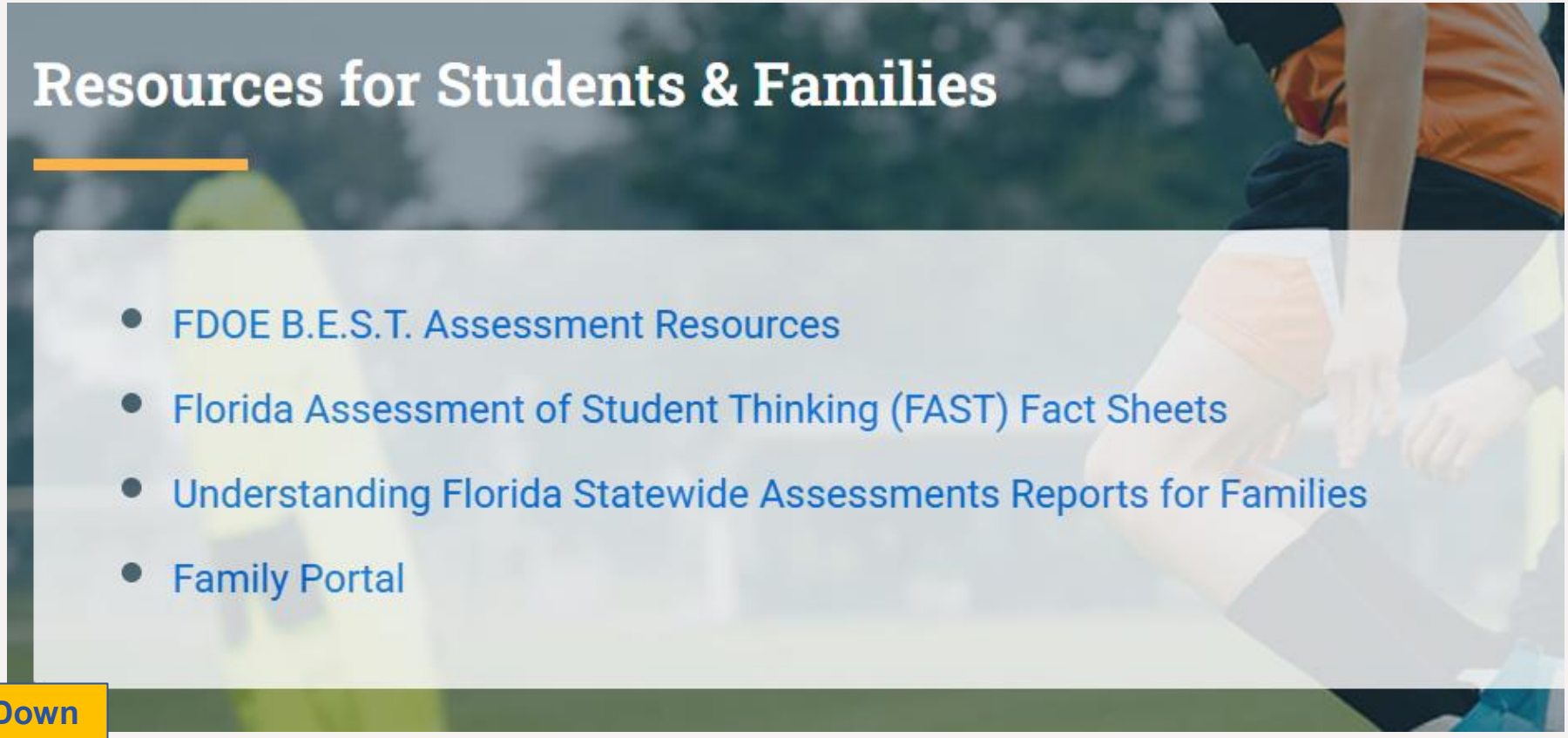
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FAST Assessments: Practice and Resources

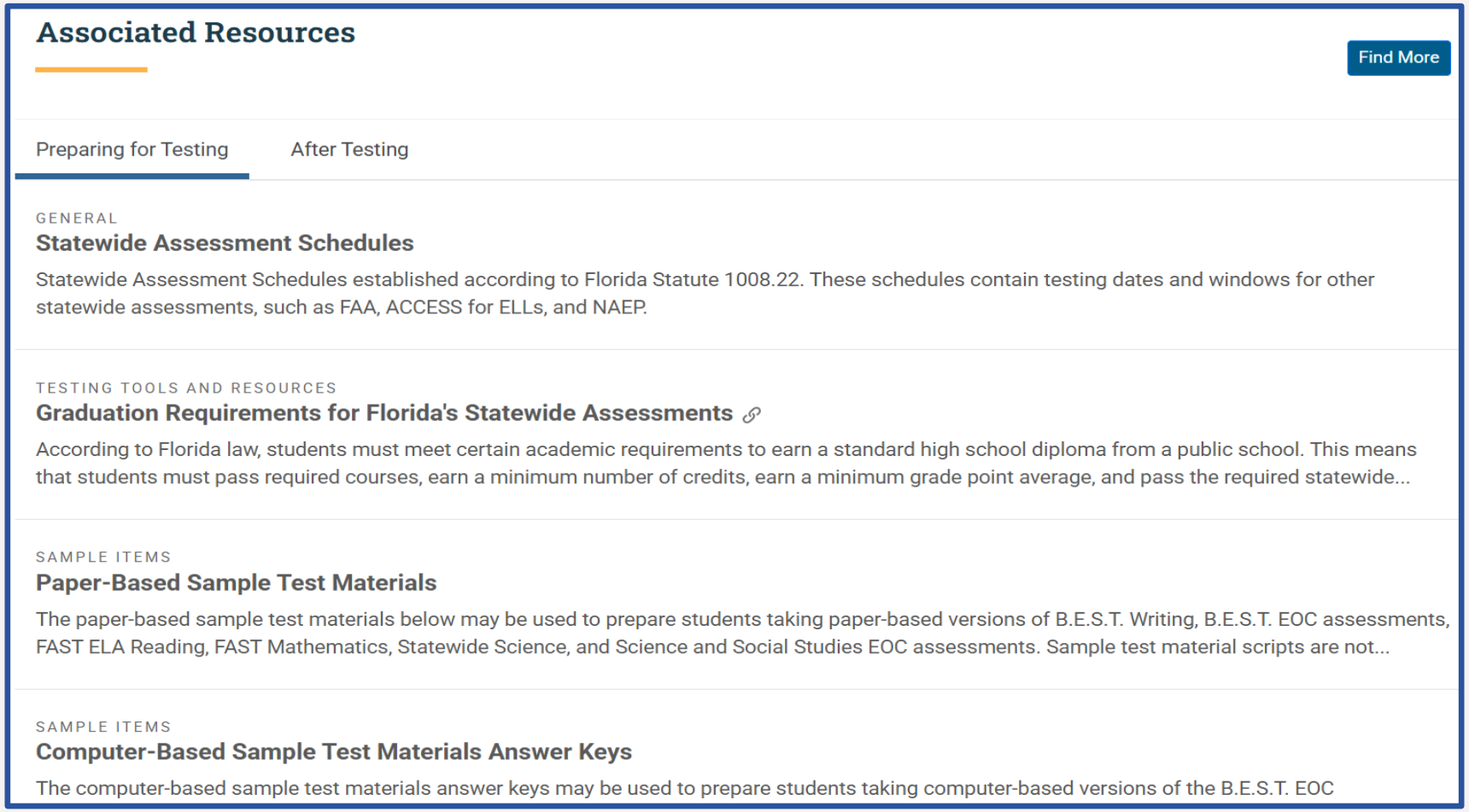
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Testing Rules and Policies



FAST Assessments: Testing Rules and Policies

Electronic Devices Policy

- Students may not use or access electronic devices during testing or breaks. This includes **phones**, **smart glasses**, **smartwatches**, **and Bluetooth/wireless earbuds**.
- Use of prohibited devices may invalidate the test score.

FAST Assessments: Testing Rules and Policies

Calculator Policy

Only used in **Grades 7-8**



FAST Assessments: Testing Rules and Policies

Testing Rules and Integrity

- Students must acknowledge the testing rules before starting.
- Students may not discuss or share test content after testing.
- Students must work independently and protect their answers.
- Cheating will result in invalidation of the test.

FAST Assessments: Testing Rules and Policies

Leaving Campus and Extra Time

- If a student leaves campus before finishing a test, they cannot return to that test (i.e. leaving early).
- Students who are still actively working at the end of time may receive extra time.
- Appointments should not be scheduled on testing days.

FAST Assessments: Testing Rules and Policies

Accommodations and Irregularities

- Students with an IEP, 504 Plan, ELL status, or recently exited ELL status may qualify for accommodations.
- Schools may investigate testing irregularities.
- Students may be asked questions during an investigation if needed.

FAST Assessments: Testing Rules and Policies

Accommodation: Paper-Based Testing

- Paper-based FAST assessments are given as an accommodation through an IEP or Section 504 Plan.
- Paper-based tests also follow the test blueprint.
- Practice materials are available online for families.
- Policies for devices, calculators, rules, and test security still apply.

Best Practices Before Testing



What to Do Before Testing

Suggestion ➡	What to Do
Before the Test	Keep the evening before testing calm and positive. Avoid last-minute cramming and focus on rest.
Sleep and Breakfast	Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast on test day.
Practice Lightly	Review a few sample questions and the test format so your child knows what to expect.
Short Study Time	Use brief study sessions instead of long drills to reduce stress and build confidence.
Build Stamina	Gradually help your child work for a little longer at one time so testing feels familiar.









What to Do Before Testing



Suggestion ➡	What to Do
Pack Ahead of Time	Prepare pencils, erasers, and any allowed items the night before.
Stay Positive	Praise effort and remind your child that doing their best is the goal.
Test-day Routine	Arrive on time and avoid scheduling appointments during testing days.
Calm Nerves	If your child feels anxious, encourage slow breathing and a reassuring mindset.
If Your Child Is Sick	Consider a make-up day if your child does not feel well on the day of testing.







Testing Dates



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DATE	TEST
TBD	PM3 FAST READING GRADES K-2
TBD	PM3 FAST MATH GRADES K-2
TBD	PM3 FAST READING GRADE 3
TBD	PM3 FAST READING GRADES 4-5
TBD	PM3 FAST MATH GRADES 4-5
TBD	PM3 FAST MATH GRADE 3
TBD	**SCIENCE STATE ASSESSMENT GRADE 5**

Reference Links



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- FAST Assessments: https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/
- Family practice materials: https://flfast.org/families.html
- FAST program portal: https://flfast.org/fsa.html

Thank you !



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