



Orange County
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the paper-based ELA Writing, ELA Reading and Mathematics Florida Standards Assessments on the following dates and times below (students who are Launched may arrive at opening of school by 8:15 am):

- 3rd Grade English-Language Arts - April 6th and April 7th starting at 9:00 am
- 4th and 5th Grade Writing - April 8th starting at 9:00 am
- 4th and 5th English-Language Arts - May 3rd and May 4th starting at 9:00 am
- 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Math - May 6th and May 7th starting at 9:00 am
- 5th Grade Science - May 10th and May 11th starting at 9:00 am

Per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments. Testing will be administered in person at school. Launched students may inform school if they wish for their child to remain for the school day or be contacted for pick-up when testing has concluded.

For information regarding test session lengths and other information about the assessments, see the “About the Assessments” page on the portal: <https://fsassessments.org/florida-statewide-assessment-program.stml>.

To help your student become comfortable with the item types and response formats, the following resources are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/>:

- Paper-Based Practice Tests and Answer Key
- Student Presentations

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, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculator Policy**— Calculators are not permitted for Grades 3 to 5 for the Mathematics Assessment.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student’s test and answer book 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 signing below the statement in their test and answer books.

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- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below 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, passages, and prompts) 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. In addition, FDOE employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment, illness), he or she will not be allowed to return to that test session. 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**—Please contact the school to discuss any other testing accommodations that will be provided for your student. This applies to English Language Learners as well as students with Individual Education Plans or Section 504 Plans. This does not include our Self-Contained Classes who are given the Florida Standards Alternative Assessment.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, please contact Joseph Guarino at 407-858-3100. For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at www.FSAssessments.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during Spring 2021 assessments.

Sincerely,

Raquel Flores

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