



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) assessment(s) and/or Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) on the dates listed below. Your student will have an opportunity to participate in a practice test to become familiar with the computer-based testing platforms, item types, and response formats he or she will see on the FSA assessments. If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>. Paper-based practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/>.

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2017 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at www.fsassessments.org, click on the **Students and Families** icon, then select **Spring 2017 Testing Times**.

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. **Please encourage your student to leave their phones at home on testing days**. If your student does bring their phone to school, they will need to leave it off and outside the testing room during testing.
- **Calculators**—For Grades 7 and 8 Mathematics, **approved calculators may be used during SESSIONS 2 and 3 only**. For EOC assessments, **approved calculators may be used during SESSION 2 only**. If students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated. Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3–6 Mathematics tests.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA 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 signing below the statement on their planning sheets, worksheets, or work folders.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states: “Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the passages or items after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.” Please make sure your student understands that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to blogs or social media websites. **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, the Florida Department of Education (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 begins a test session and leaves campus before completing it (for lunch, an appointment or illness, etc.), 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**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), Section 504 plan, or English Language Learner (ELL) plan, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Maggie Ellis at ellis.margaret@franklin-academy.org or Stephanie Muzzillo at Muzzillo.stephanie@franklin-academy.org. For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA Portal at www.FSAssessments.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,
Ms. Benardo
Mrs. Ellis
Mrs. Muzzillo
Mr. Jones

FSA/FCAT Test Dates

- ▶ 4-7 ELA-Writing (PBT)- February 28th
- ▶ 8th ELA-Writing (CBT)- March 1st
- ▶ 3rd ELA-Reading (PBT)- March 28th & 29th
- ▶ 4th ELA-Reading (CBT)- April 10th & 11th
- ▶ 5th ELA-Reading (CBT)- April 12th & 13th
- ▶ 6th ELA-Reading (CBT)- April 10th & 11th
- ▶ 7th ELA-Reading (CBT)- April 12th & 13th
- ▶ 8th ELA-Reading (CBT)- April 17th & 18th
- ▶ 7th Civics (CBT)- May 3rd
- ▶ 3rd Math (CBT)- April 17th & 18th
- ▶ 4th Math (CBT)- April 19th & 20th
- ▶ 5th Math (CBT)- April 24th & 25th
- ▶ 6th Math (CBT)- April 19th & 20th
- ▶ 7th Math (CBT)- May 1st & 2nd
- ▶ 8th Math (CBT)- April 26th & 27th
- ▶ Algebra 1 EOC (CBT)- May 8th & 9th
- ▶ Geometry EOC (CBT)- May 8th & 9th
- ▶ 5th Science (PBT)- May 2nd & 3rd
- ▶ 8th Science (PBT)- May 2nd