

February, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) or End of Course (EOC) assessment(s). All students in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade will take FSA ELA Reading and Writing assessments and students currently enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and US History will take the EOC assessment.

Your student will have an opportunity to participate in a practice test to become familiar with the computer-based testing platform, 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/>.

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2018 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at [www.fsassessments.org](http://www.fsassessments.org), click on the **Students and Families** icon, and then select *Spring 2018 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 they 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.
- **Calculators**—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.
- **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.
- **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 complete 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.

For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA Portal at [www.fsassessments.org](http://www.fsassessments.org). Specific testing dates can be found on the front page of the Lake Mary website under the Testing link.

If you have any questions related to the spring test administration, you may contact your student’s counselor or Kathy Aslin, Testing Coordinator, at [kathleen\\_aslin@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:kathleen_aslin@scps.k12.fl.us).

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

Sincerely,



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