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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based FSA and End of Course (EOC) Assessments on the following dates:

DATE	FSA OR EOC	PICK-UP TIME
April 7 th	Grades 7 -8 Writing	11:30 a.m.
May 3 rd	Civics EOC	12:00 p.m.
May 5 th and 12 th	7 th and 8 th Grade Reading	11:00 a.m.
May 19 th and 26 th	7 th and 8 th Grade Math	May 19 th : 10: 30 a.m. May 26 th : 11:30 a.m.
June 7 th and 8 th	Algebra and Geometry EOC	11:00 a.m.
May 27 th	8 th Grade Science (Paper-Based)	12:00 p.m.

Per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments.

*Please drop your child off in the PVA Car Loop in front of the cafeteria doors at 8:45 a.m. on the scheduled testing dates. They should bring a mask or face shield, water, a snack and lunch, and a book if they would like to read while they are waiting once testing has finished. Students will not be released before the scheduled pick-up times listed above. **Please wait to pick up your child in the Bus Loop.** Parents/Guardians of students who have extended time accommodations will receive a text or email letting you know of the adjusted pick up time. . All students taking the Civics, Algebra and Geometry EOCs may have additional time on the same day to complete the exams.*

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>.

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 <https://FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/computer-based-materials/index.stml>.

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**— For Grades 7 and 8 Mathematics, **approved calculators may be used during Sessions 2 and 3 only**. For Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments, **approved calculators may be used during Session 2 only**. If students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated. For Biology 1 EOC, a handheld four-function calculator may be used only if the school provides all students with a handheld four-function calculator.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All 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 clicking a checkbox beside the statement in the secure browser.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they affirm 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. Students’ 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**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, 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, please contact Audra Wilson at Audra.Wilson@stjohns.k12.fl.us . 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,

Jessica Richardson - Principal