



GRADE 9 / 10 FSA WRITING TEST DATES

Monday, April 5	Tuesday, April 6	Wednesday, April 7	Thursday, April 8
7:40 AM Grade 9 Students Last name A-L	7:40 AM Grade 9 students Last names M-Z, ELL, & students with Accommodations	7:40 AM Grade 10 students Last names A-L, ELL, & students with Accommodations	7:40 AM Grade 10 Students Last names M-Z
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based ELA Writing the week of April 5, 2021 (please see chart).

Per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments. The Florida Department of Education (DOE) requires all students present during the testing window to participate in the assessment. Therefore, all students present on any testing or make-up testing days will be required to sit for the assessment. Furthermore, unlike some states, Florida has no "opt-out" policy for state assessments used as the required measures of student achievement for the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. [Students not in attendance on day of their test\(s\) will be marked absent and standard absence reporting procedures will be in effect. The final determination of whether a student is in attendance on their scheduled testing day remains with the parent/guardian\(s\).](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Students will be provided their test location on test day
- Testing computers will be provided
- Students must have a photo ID /Student ID and must adhere to COVID safety protocols while on campus (wear a face covering and maintain social distancing.)
- After testing, student will report to their classes following the regular bell schedule and dismissal at 2:40 PM.
- If you plan to sign out early after testing, you must bring with you a filled out *Early Sign-Out Authorization* form to leave campus after testing has concluded. (See Canvas dashboard global announcement *FSA/EOC* posting).
- Recommended items to bring on test day; bottled water and a jacket/sweater

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 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.shtml>.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, please contact Sylvia Hernandez, testing coordinator at 754.323.1057. 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.