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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Grades 7 and 8 ELA Reading and Mathematics and/or Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, Civics End-of-Course (EOC) assessments on May 1- 22, 2019.

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 they see on the FSA assessment(s). 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 2019 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at www.FSAssessments.org, click on the **Students and Families** icon, select the **Frequently Asked Questions** card, then select the question: "How long are the tests?"

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, their test will be invalidated.
- **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.
- **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 of all statewide assessments is secure, you 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 online, for example, on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram.” Please make sure your student understands 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, 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 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 them 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), 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 Amy Bennett at amy.bennett@browardschools.com. For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA Portal at www.FSAssessments.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging them to do their best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Melinda Wessinger

Testing Dates

Date	Grade Level	Subject / Session	Length	Time
Wednesday, May 1	Grade 8 (CBT)	ELA-Session 1	85 mins	9:35am – 11:39am
Thursday, May 2	Grade 8 (CBT)	ELA-Session 2	85 mins	9:35am – 11:39am
Monday, May 6	Grade 7 (CBT)	ELA Session 1	85 mins	9:35 am – 11:39 am
Tuesday, May 7	Grade 7 (CBT)	ELA – Session 2	60 mins / 60 mins	9:35am – 11:39pm
Wednesday, May 8	Grade 8 (PBT)	Science	160 mins	9:35am – 12:42pm
	Grade 8 (CBT)	Biology	160 mins	9:35am – 12:42pm
Monday, May 13	Grade 7 (CBT)	Math Session 1	60 mins	9:35am – 11:39am
	Grade 8 (CBT)	Math Session 1	60 mins	9:35am – 11:39am
Tuesday, May 14	Grade 7 (CBT)	Math Session 2 & 3	60 mins/60 mins	9:35am – 12: 20 pm
	Grade 8 (CBT)	Math Sessions 2 & 3	60 mins/60 mins	9:35am – 12:20pm
Thursday, May 16	Donovan/Doolittle/Gibson	Algebra Session 1	90 mins	Normal Bell Schedule
Friday, May 17	Donovan/Doolittle/Gibson	Algebra Session 2	90 mins	Normal Bell Schedule
Monday, May 20	Grade 7 (CBT)	Civics	160 mins	9:35am – 12:42pm
Tuesday, May 21	Chang	Algebra Session 1	90 mins	Normal Bell Schedule
	Doolittle	Geometry Session 1	90 mins	Normal Bell Schedule
Wednesday, May 22	Chang	Algebra Session 2	90 mins	Normal Bell Schedule
	Doolittle	Geometry Session 2	90 mins	Normal Bell Schedule