



Meadowbrook Elementary School

# F.A.S.T. Parent Information Session





# FAST Assessments 2024

- Florida Assessment of Student Thinking, or **FAST**, refers to the new Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring (CSPM) System assessments, which are **aligned to the Benchmarks in Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards**
- FAST assessments include **VPK through grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA)** and **VPK through grade 8 Mathematics**
- **Renaissance Learning** STAR Early Literacy, Reading and Math will administer grades VPK-2
- **Cambium Assessment**, Inc. (CAI) will administer grades 3-10 FAST





# FAST: District Administration Schedule

Per s. 1008.25(8), F.S., FAST assessments will be **administered three times per year** with the first Progress Monitoring assessment(PM1) within the **first 30 days** of school.

- Test security **MUST** be maintained during all 3 PMs
- The three windows for 2023–24 school year are as follows:
  - **PM1:** September 6–23 (Recommended District Window) Make-Ups through September 28
  - **PM2:** December 5-16 (Recommended District Window) Make-Ups through January 27
  - **PM3\*:** May 1-19 (Recommended District Window) Make-Ups through June 2



# Meadowbrook Elementary 2023-2024 Testing Calendar

## April

- Wednesday, April 3rd – Grade 4 Writing
- Thursday, April 4th – Grade 5 Writing
- Tuesday, April 30th – ASD K-2 ELA



## May

- Wednesday, May 1st – ASD Grade 4-5 ELA
- Thursday, May 2nd – ASD Grade 3 ELA
- Friday, May 3rd – ASD K-2 Math
- Tuesday, May 7th – Grades 1-2 ELA
- Wednesday, May 8th – ASD Grades 4-5 Math
- Thursday, May 9th – Grades 1-2 Math
- Friday, May 10th – ASD Grade 3 Math
- Monday, May 13th – Kindergarten ELA
- Tuesday, May 14th – Grades 3 and 5 ELA
- Wednesday, May 15th – Grade 4 ELA
- Thursday, May 16th – Grades 3 and 5 Math
- Friday, May 17th – Kindergarten Math
- Tuesday, May 21st – Grade 4 Math
- Wednesday, May 29th – Grade 5 Science



# FAST: VPK-2 Star Assessments via Renaissance

Grade-Level	STAR Early Literacy	STAR Reading	STAR Mathematics
Kindergarten	x		x
First Grade	PM 1	PM 2 & PM 3	x
Second Grade		x	x

\* The district office will turn on audio for all students for **Star Math**, regardless of IEP/504 status.

**\*\* For PM1 of K:**

- All students will participate in **Star Early Literacy**.
- For students **who score at or above 852**, the school may choose to begin assessing those students on **Star Reading on subsequent administrations**, beginning with PM2 of K.





## More on FAST VPK-Grade 2

### FAST: VPK–Grade 2 Administration

- Each test will be administered in **one session**.
- It is recommended that each student take only **one subject test in a day**
- Tests will be **computer-adaptive**, administered through a secure web browser (**headphones required**)

*\* In accordance with F.S.1008.25 (K-10) and F.S.1002.68 (VPK ), student results will be provided to parents in an expedited manner.*





# K -2 Scoring

Star Early Literacy and Star Reading Concordance Table										
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Level 5	
	Unified	FAST	Unified	FAST	Unified	FAST	Unified	FAST	Unified	FAST
<b>Grade K</b>	Below 729	Below 114	729-787	114-133	788-825	134-146	826-869	147-161	At/Above 870	At/Above 162
<b>Grade 1</b>	Below 791	Below 135	791-843	135-152	844-893	153-169	894-946	170-187	At/Above 947	At/Above 188
<b>Grade 2</b>	Below 882	Below 166	882-931	166-182	932-970	183-195	971-1014	196-210	At/Above 1015	At/Above 211

Star Math Concordance Table										
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Level 5	
	Unified	FAST	Unified	FAST	Unified	FAST	Unified	FAST	Unified	FAST
<b>Grade K</b>	Below 751	Below 101	751-793	101-118	794-827	119-132	828-861	133-146	At/Above 862	At/Above 147
<b>Grade 1</b>	Below 821	Below 130	821-861	130-146	862-893	147-159	894-922	160-171	At/Above 923	At/Above 172
<b>Grade 2</b>	Below 889	Below 158	889-919	158-170	920-953	171-184	954-992	185-200	At/Above 993	At/Above 201

Promotion Criteria for grades K-2 is scoring a level 2 or higher on the FAST assessment.



## FAST 3-10 Testing Times

- These times indicate the **maximum** amount of time that should be provided for students
- For scheduling purposes, a recommended session length is provided, but **students who are still working at the end of that time should be provided with the maximum allowable time** as indicated in the table.
- For PM3, students must be provided with the total time indicated in the table.

Grades/Subject	PM 1 and PM 2	PM3*
Grades 3–10 ELA Reading	Up to 90 Minutes	120 Minutes
Grades 3–5 Mathematics	Up to 80 Minutes	100 Minutes
Grades 6–8 Mathematics	Up to 100 Minutes	120 Minutes

\*The PM3 administration is slightly longer than PM1 and PM2 because the assessments contain embedded field test items.





### FAST: Grades 3–10 Content

- Because all FAST assessments are **computer-adaptive**, items may become **progressively harder as students successfully respond** to items, and **easier if students answer more questions incorrectly**
- Each PM event is tied to a blueprint for the **full grade-level content**
- Many of the same computer-based **item types that students are already familiar** with will be used on FAST assessments

*\* In accordance with F.S.1008.25 (K-10), student results will be provided to parents in an expedited manner.*



### FAST: Grades 3–10 Content

- **PM1 and PM2** will be used for **informational purposes** only and will not be used in accountability
- **PM3** will be a summative assessment used for **accountability purposes**
- There will be **paper-based** accommodations for FAST assessments in grades 3–10 for **students who qualify**



# FAST Writing

- Writing will be **reported separately** from Reading and will not contribute to an overall ELA score
- FAST Writing will be **computer-based** in **all assessed grades** (4-10), and prompts will be in response to text



# 3 -5 Scoring

Assessment		Level 1	Level 1 Subcategories			Level 2	Level 2 Subcategories		Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
			Low Level 1	Mid Level 1	High Level 1		Low Level 2	High Level 2			
FAST ELA	Grade 3	140-185	140-155	156-170	171-185	186-200	186-193	194-200	201-212	213-224	225-260
	Grade 4	154-198	154-168	169-183	184-198	199-212	199-205	206-212	213-223	224-236	237-270
	Grade 5	160-205	160-175	176-190	191-205	206-221	206-213	214-221	222-231	232-245	246-279
	Grade 6	161-208	161-176	177-192	193-208	209-224	209-216	217-224	225-236	237-249	250-284
	Grade 7	165-214	165-181	182-198	199-214	215-231	215-223	224-231	232-241	242-256	257-292
	Grade 8	169-219	169-185	186-202	203-219	220-237	220-228	229-237	238-250	251-261	262-300
	Grade 9	174-223	174-190	191-207	208-223	224-241	224-232	233-241	242-253	254-266	267-303
	Grade 10	179-229	179-195	196-212	213-229	230-246	230-238	239-246	247-257	258-270	271-308
FAST Math	Grade 3	140-182	140-154	155-168	169-182	183-197	183-190	191-197	198-208	209-224	225-260
	Grade 4	155-199	155-169	170-184	185-199	200-210	200-205	206-210	211-220	221-237	238-273
	Grade 5	158-206	158-174	175-190	191-206	207-221	207-214	215-221	222-233	234-245	246-285
	Grade 6	168-212	168-182	183-197	198-212	213-228	213-220	221-228	229-238	239-253	254-287
	Grade 7	175-222	175-190	191-206	207-222	223-234	223-228	229-234	235-246	247-257	258-288
	Grade 8	183-226	183-197	198-212	213-226	227-243	227-235	236-243	244-253	254-262	263-291

Promotion Criteria for grades 3 – 5 is scoring a level 2 or higher on the FAST assessment.





# Test Taking Tips!

Eat a healthy breakfast.  
Help children choose  
foods that fuel their  
bodies and brains to do  
their best work!

Keep a steady pace.

Study and prepare.

Trust your gut.

Challenge your negative  
thoughts.

Use your keywords and  
eliminate incorrect  
answers.

Get a good night sleep.

Focus on you.

Be on time to school.





# Questions?

