



SPRING 2021 FLORIDA STATE ASSESSMENTS ADMINISTRATION AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FDLOE) Emergency Order No. 2021-EO-01

On February 15, 2021, the Florida Department of Education issued Executive Order No. 2021-EO-01 that modified requirements for the State of Florida Spring Assessment. It is effective immediately and will remain effective through the 2021 summer semester.

OVERVIEW

Schools will test all eligible students in grades 3-10 for Florida Standard Assessments (FSAs) and on specific middle and high school level courses with End-of-Course exams (EOCs), with the ACCESS test for English Language Learners (ELLs), and with the Florida Standards Alternate Assessments (FSAA) for certain Students with Disabilities (SWDs). The Order extends the testing windows which will allow for fewer students to be on campus on any particular testing day.

Parents will receive communication from their school specific to their child's testing calendar by March 15 for April testing and by April 19 for May testing. Some parents of students taking the ACCESS and/or FSAA tests have already received communication or will receive communication before March 15 as these tests are in separate testing windows.

There is no process to opt-out of testing. The State of Florida does not provide a parental opt-out mechanism, including writing to your child's school or to the District.

Testing can only occur at the school. The State of Florida does not allow for testing from home or another non-school site. If a student is not physically present by being in school for the exam, the student will be marked absent. Students who are currently learning remotely must come into the school building to take their scheduled test(s).

The District will provide services such as bus transportation and school meals for eligible students on the dates those students need to come into school for testing. Parents can also provide transportation.

Schools will follow existing COVID-19 related health and safety protocols at all times, including mandatory wearing of face masks, physical distancing, daily cleaning and sanitation of buses, classrooms and throughout the school before and after test administration.

For additional information:

Parents should contact their local school for details of their child’s testing schedule after March 15. General assessment information, including specific grade/course level testing windows, can be found at <https://www.browardschools.com/testingcalendar>.



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