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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Grade 6 ELA Writing/ELA Reading/Mathematics assessments on :
April 5th, 2022 - Writing
May 2 and 3 - Mathematic
May 4 and 5 - ELA Reading

For information regarding session lengths for Spring 2022 assessments, please see the [2021–2022 Florida Statewide Grade-Level Assessments Fact Sheet](#).

To help your student become comfortable with the item types and response formats, the following resources are available at <https://fsassessments.org/families.html> under the “Paper-Based Practice Tests” tab:

- Paper-Based Practice Tests and Answer Keys
- Student Presentations

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, smartwatches, and Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds, 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.
- **Calculators**—Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3–6 Mathematics tests.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student’s test and answer book 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 in their test and answer book.
- **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 in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items, responses, 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. 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), 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 Mrs. Gillespie at 754-322-4900. For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at <http://www.fsassessments.org/fsa.html>.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during Spring 2022 assessments.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based Grade 7 and 8 ELA Writing/ELA Reading/Mathematics and/or Algebra 1/Biology 1/Civics/Geometry/ End-of-Course (EOC) assessment(s) on:

April 6, 2022- Grade 7 Writing
April 7, 2022- Grade 8 Writing
May 2 and 3- Grade 7 Mathematics
May 4 and 5- Grade 7 ELA Reading
May 10 and 11 – Grade 8 Reading
May 12 – Grade 7 Civics
May 17- Biology EOC
May 18 and 19 – Grade 8 Mathematics and Geometry EOC
May 18 and 19 – Grade 7 and 8 Algebra 1 EOC

For information regarding test session lengths and other information about the assessments, see the “Guides and Schedules” tab on the Students & Families page: <https://fsassessments.org/families.html>.

Your student has had an opportunity to participate in a practice test to become familiar with the computer-based testing platform, item types, and response formats he or she will see on the 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 <https://fsassessments.org/families.html>.

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- **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, responses, 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.**
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the Grade 8 Statewide Science Assessment on May 17, 2022. The Statewide Science Assessment Measures Grades 5 and 8 student achievement of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards in Science.

The Grade 5 Statewide Science Assessment consists of two 80-minute paper-based test sessions administered over two days. The Grade 8 Statewide Science Assessment consists of two 80-minute paper-based test sessions administered in one day. If you or your student would like to gain familiarity with the item types and response formats your student will see on his or her Statewide Science Assessment, sample questions and answer keys are available at <https://fsassessments.org/families.html> under the "Paper-Based Practice Tests" tab.

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- **Calculators**—Four-function calculators will be provided to students for Grade 8 Science at the time of testing. **No other calculators may be used.** For the Grade 5 Science assessment, calculators may **not** be used.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All Statewide Science Assessments 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 in their test books.
- **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 in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting on social media." Please make sure your

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