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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student in Grades 3, 4 and 5 will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) ELA Reading & Mathematics assessments this Spring. In addition, students in Grade 4-5 will take the FSA ELA Writing test and students in Grade 5 also have the Statewide Science Assessment. The Stanford Achievement Test (SAT-10) will be administered to students in Kindergarten-Grade 2. **Please review the attached Testing Calendar so you may make the necessary arrangements.**

- All students in grades 3-5 must report to school and participate in the FSA assessments. **Per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments.**
- All students in Kindergarten-Grade 2 attending in person will participate in the SAT-10, and all students learning online are strongly encouraged to return to the school for this important test.

A staggered arrival will be arranged for My School Online (MSO) students. Please drop your child off at the circular driveway at 8:45, they will report directly to their testing room. All students must wear a mask and maintain social distance. Parents will not be permitted to wait on school grounds. At the conclusion of the test, the teacher will send a message to all parents. The circular driveway gate will be open, and students will be sent out once the Family Number used for dismissal has been provided to staff monitoring the safe dismissal of MSO students.

For information regarding session lengths for the FSA Spring 2021 assessments, please see the [2020–2021 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 <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/>:

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

The Grade 5 Statewide Science Assessment consists of two 80-minute paper-based test sessions administered over two days. 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/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-materials/paper-based-practice-test-materials.stml>.

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 during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.



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- **Calculators**—Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3–5 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, 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, 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 have any questions related to this test administration, please contact Mrs. Pierre-Louis at (305)235-1464. 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.

Sincerely,

Christina Guerra

Christina Guerra, Principal