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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that these are our scheduled days for state assessments.

Per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments. Digital students will be notified through their first period teacher of their testing dates and times. Please direct any questions or concerns to Jodi Slone, slone_j@hcsb.k12.fl.us.

Test	Administration Dates
FSA ELA Writing	Grade 6- April 6
	Grade 7- April 7
	Grade 8 - April 8
FSA ELA Reading- Grade 6	Monday, May 3
	Tuesday, May 4
FSA Math- Grade 6	Thursday, May 5
	Friday, May 6
FSA ELA Reading- Grade 7	Wednesday, May 12
	Thursday, May 13
FSA Math Grade 7	Wednesday, May 19
	Thursday, May 20
FSA ELA Reading- Grade 8	Monday, May 10
	Tuesday, May 11
FSA Math Grade 8	Monday, May 17
	Tuesday, May 18
NGSSS Science- Grade 8	Friday, May 21
Civics EOC	Monday, May 24
	Tuesday, May 25 (Small groups only)
Algebra 1 EOC	Wednesday, May 26
	Thursday, May 27
PERT (Optional-eligible 8th graders only)	Monday, June 14

Grade 6 FSA Writing, Reading and Math are all paper-based. Grade 7 FSA Writing, Reading, Math and Civics EOC are all computer-based. Grade 8 FSA Writing, Reading, Math and Algebra EOC are all computer-based, with the Grade 8 NGSSS Science test paper-based.

Your student will have an opportunity to participate in a practice session to become familiar with the item types and response formats he or she will see on the FSA assessments. If you or your student would like to review the materials, paper-based practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/>.

For information regarding test session lengths and other information about the assessments, see the “About the Assessments” page on the portal: <https://fsassessments.org/florida-statewide-assessment-program.stml>.

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Digital Students: The tests your student is scheduled for is designed to be taken over two days (one session per day) to prevent testing fatigue (except for ELA Writing which is one session). However, in an effort to reduce the number of in-person testing days for your **digital student**, districts and schools have been granted permission by FDOE to offer the option of administering two sessions in the same day, with a short break in between sessions. If you **do not** wish for your student to use this option, please contact Jodi Slone by email at slone_j@hcsb.k12.fl.us.

The Grade 8 Statewide Science Assessment consists of two 80-minute **paper-based 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 their test, sample questions and answer keys are available at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/science.stml>

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **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.**
- **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, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculators**—Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3–6 Mathematics tests. Calculators will be provided for session 2 of the Grade 7, 8 FSA Math tests and Algebra EOCs, as well as the Grade 8 Science test.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student’s test and answer book or within their computer-based test 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 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.
- **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.
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If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Jodi Slone at 797-7075 ext. 267. For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA Portal at www.FSAssessments.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,
Ed LaRose
Principal
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