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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the upcoming assessments. Students in 6th grade will take paper-based assessments and 7th-8th graders will take computer-based assessments for the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA). The FSA assessments include ELA Writing, ELA Reading, Mathematics (and/or Algebra 1/Geometry EOC). Additionally, 7th grade students will take the Civics Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSS) End-of-Course (EOC) assessment. Eighth grade students will additionally take the Grade 8 Statewide Science Assessment. Testing for FSA ELA writing will take place from April 1st and April 2nd. The testing window for all other testing will take place from May 1st through May 19th.

Please see the SSA website for the schoolwide testing schedule:

<http://www.ssa.scps.k12.fl.us/core/fileparse.php/7063/urlt/Spring-2020-Testing-Schedule.pdf>

Your student has had an opportunity to participate in either a paper-based practice test (6th grade) for FSA or the computer-based testing platform (7th- 8th grade) for FSA and NGSS. If you or your student would like to review the practice tests at home, the practice tests are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/> (FSA 7th- 8th CBT) and <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/> (FSA 6th grade PBT) and <https://fl.pearsonaccessnext.com> (7th grade Civics).

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, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculators**—For Grades 7 and 8 Mathematics, **approved calculators may be used during Sessions 2 and 3 only.** For EOC assessments, **approved calculators may be used during Session 2 only.** If students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated. Four function calculators will be provided for students taking the Grade 8 Science at the time of testing.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA tests and NGSSS (Civics EOC) 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 on their planning sheets, worksheets, or work folders.
- **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 of 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.
- **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), 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, you may contact your student’s school counselor. Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,