



Marathon High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) will be administered according to the calendar below. Please note, 6th grade ELA and Math will be paper-based. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated.

April 1	ELA Writing Grade 6
April 7	ELA Writing Grades 9 & 10
April 8	ELA Writing Grades 7 & 8
May 4	ELA Reading S1 Grade 6, AP US Government (AM)
May 5	ELA Reading S2 Grade 6, AP Calculus AB/BC (AM), AP Human Geography (PM)
May 6	ELA Reading S1 Grade 8, ELA Reading S1 Grade 7, AP Eng. Lit. (AM)
May 7	ELA Reading S2 Grade 8, ELA Reading S2 Grade 7, Math Grade 6 S1, AP Chemistry (AM), AP Physics (PM)
May 8	Math Grade 6 S2, AP Art
May 11	Biology EOC, AP Biology (AM), AP Environmental Science (PM)
May 12	AP Spanish (AM), AP Psychology (PM)
May 13	ELA Reading S1 Grades 9 & 10, AP Language (AM), AP Music Theory (PM)
May 14	Science Grade 8, Math Grade 7 S1, US History EOC, AP World (AM)
May 15	ELA Reading S2 Grades 9 & 10, Math Grade 7 S2, AP Computer Science Principles (AM), AP Stats (PM)
May 19	Algebra 1 EOC S1, Geometry EOC S1, Math Grade 8 S1, Civics EOC
May 21	Algebra 1 EOC S2, Geometry EOC S2, Math Grade 8 S2

All students will 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 FSA assessment(s). Parents and students may also review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>.

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 EOC assessments, **approved calculators may be used during Session 2 only.** If students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated.

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- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA 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 signing below the statement on their 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 items or passages 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 Christine Paul at 305-290-2480 x55304. 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,



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