



# Marathon High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will participate in statewide assessments. **Grades 6, 7 and 8** will take the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) in Reading and Mathematics. **Grade 8** will take the statewide science assessment. **Grades 9 and 10** will take the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) in Reading. Middle and high school students will take End-of Course (EOC) assessments in B.E.S.T. Algebra 1, B.E.S.T. Geometry, Biology 1, Civics and U.S. History if they are enrolled in that course.

**Below is the testing calendar:**

Tuesday, May 9	FAST PM #3 ELA Gr. 6-10
Friday, May 12	FAST PM #3 Math Gr. 6-8
Friday, May 12	B.E.S.T Algebra 1 EOC
Friday, May 12	Geometry EOC
Tuesday, May 16	NGSSS Biology 1 EOC
Tuesday, May 16	Civics EOC
Tuesday, May 16	US History EOC
Tuesday, May 16	NGSSS Statewide Science Gr. 8

**F.A.S.T. Testing Resources:**

If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>

**EOC Testing Resources:**

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>.

**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 or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculator Policy**—Calculators will be available to use for some tests:

Grade 6 F.A.S.T Mathematics	handheld four-function calculator
Grade 7/8 Mathematics	handheld scientific calculator
B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 EOC	handheld scientific calculator
Geometry EOC	handheld scientific calculator
Biology 1 EOC	handheld four-function calculator



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- **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 the box in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept 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 and passages) 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.
- **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, accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Dr. Veldheer, testing coordinator at (305) 289-2480. For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the FDOE website at [FLFAST.org](http://FLFAST.org).

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

Sincerely,  
Dr. McPherson