

Spring 2024 Testing Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will students need to come to the school to take state exams?

A: Yes, all students who are scheduled to take a state exam are expected to come in-person to test.

- Grades 4-10: BEST Writing Exam
- Grades 3-10: FAST Reading Exam
- Grades 3-8: FAST Math Exam
- Science Statewide Assessment: Only for students in 5th and 8th grade taking Grade 5 or Grade 8 Science course.
- Algebra I EOC, Geometry EOC, Biology EOC, Civics EOC, US History EOC: students enrolled in the course
- Advanced Placement Exams: Students enrolled in the course
- Florida Civic Exam (FCLE): Seniors who have not passed or taken the exam.

Q: Will students need to wear uniform on the dates that they test?

A: Yes, all students need to come in full uniform on the dates they are scheduled to test. School uniform consists of a white plain polo and khaki or blue pants, *No jeans allowed*. Sneakers or closed toe shoes must be worn at all times. No sandals or corcs. Student IDs must also be worn at all times.

Q: How will I get notified of what exams my child will be taking?

A: Individual e-mails were sent to the student's and parent's primary e-mail with specific test site location, testing dates and exam start times. Please plan to arrive early on test dates as traffic may be heavy in certain areas.

Q: At what time do exams begin?

A: Exams are scheduled to begin at the time stated on the Spring 2024 Test Date Notification e-mail. Plan to arrive 15 to 20 minutes before.

Q: Where should my child report once we arrive to the school?

A: Students should report to the school's main office to find their testing room location.

Q: What if I can't find the e-mail notification with testing information?

A: A master list will be posted on the school's website with each student's test site location, test date, and time of exam. Document can be found under Students tab, click on Testing and search the document by Student ID number.

Q: Where will my child take the state assessments?

A: Test sites were assigned to each student and was sent on the e-mail with test dates.

Q: What does my child need to bring to the each exam?

A: Sweaters are recommended as testing rooms may get cold. Students are asked to bring their own water, snacks, and lunch. Students will also need to bring something to write with.

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*If your child is taking the FAST Math Grades 7, 8, Algebra I EOC or Geometry EOC: students may bring their own handheld calculator. In the event that your child forgets the calculator, the system will provide them with one. The list of approved calculators may be found on this link <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5663/urlt/fsacalcrefsheetpolicy.pdf>.

Q: What happens if my child has an IEP, 504 or LEP Plan?

A: IEP, 504 and LEP Plans are shared with each test site and accommodations stated on the plan will be followed.

Q: Where do I go to pick up my child when testing concludes?

A: Students will be picked up at the same location they were dropped off.

Q: What if I am unable to pick up my child?

A: All students must be picked up as soon as testing finishes. If someone else is picking up the student or if they will be taking Uber or Lyft home, an e-mail must be sent to Ms. Iglesias prior to test date for approval.

Q: What if my child needs to drive to school?

A: Most schools have limited parking. If a student will be driving to school, an e-mail must be sent to Ms. Iglesias prior to test date for approval. Each school will have different areas where students will park. Make sure you follow instructions from test site.

Q: How long are the exams and how early can students be picked up?

Exam	Length of Exam	Number of sessions/Number of days testing
FAST STAR Reading Grades K, 1 & 2	15-20 minutes	1 session/1 day
FAST STAR Math Grades K, 1 & 2	20-30 minutes	1 session/1 day
BEST Writing Grades 4-10	120 minutes	1 session/1 day
FAST Reading Grades 3-5	120 minutes	1 session/1 day
FAST Math Grades 3-5	100 minutes	1 session/1 day
FAST Reading Grades 6-8	120 minutes	1 session/1 day
FAST Math Grades 6-8	120 minutes	1 session/1 day
FAST Reading Grade 9 & 10	120 minutes	1 session/1 day
B.E.S.T. Algebra I EOC and Geometry EOC	160 minutes. Students may continue working for the length of the school day. Students are allowed	1 session/1 day

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	to leave after the first 80 minutes.	
Biology EOC, US History EOC and Civics EOC	160 minutes. Students may continue working for the length of the school day. Students are allowed to leave after the first 80 minutes.	1 session/1 day
Grade 5 Science	160 minutes. Students may continue working for the length of the school day. Students are allowed to leave after the first 80 minutes.	1 session/1 day
Grade 8 Science	160 minutes. Students may continue working for the length of the school day. Students are allowed to leave after the first 80 minutes.	1 session/1 day
FCLE	160 minutes	1 session/1 day

*Students with ESE/ELL accommodations may take longer than the time specified above.