



# Spring 2023 Family Assessment

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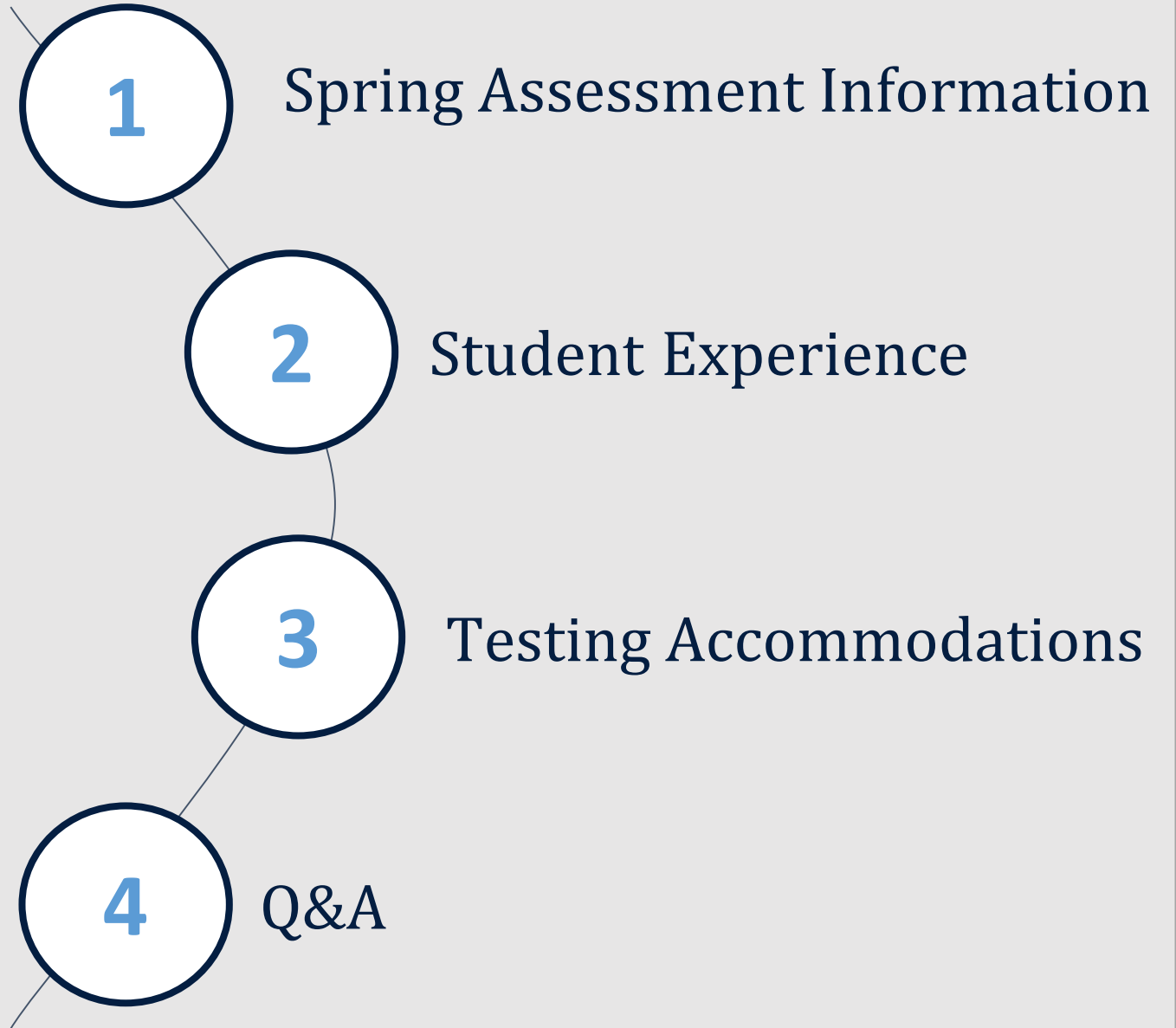
## **Liberty** Middle School





## **Purpose:**

To empower families to have confidence in their understanding of spring state assessments by providing relevant information and support resources





# Spring Assessment Information

- **Why**

Why is it important for my child?

- **What**

What are the spring state assessments?

- **Who**

Who takes the assessments?

- **When**

When do the assessments take place?

- **How**

How can students prepare for testing?





# ASSESSMENT NIGHT NOTETAKER



| Why is it important for my child? | What are the spring state assessments? | Who takes the assessments? | When do the assessments take place? | How can students prepare for testing? |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                   |  |                            |                                     |                                       |

Other Notes:





**Why is it important for my child?**



# Student Scores

Help parents and educators determine the best way to serve each student

Ensure that students have learned the appropriate content

Fulfill graduation requirements for specific high school courses

Support student promotion in specific grades



# Student Scores

## Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)

- Students in grade 3 must achieve a Level 2 or higher on the ELA Reading PM3 to be promoted to grade 4\*
- Passing the Florida Assessment for Student Thinking (FAST) for 10th grade Reading is a graduation requirement\*\*

\*Students may be promoted with a good cause exemption. If you have questions or concerns about cause exemptions reach out to [Darcy.Ruby@ocps.net](mailto:Darcy.Ruby@ocps.net).

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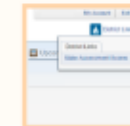
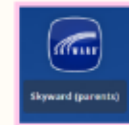
#### OCPS Parent Portal

Sign into your parent account using either your email or phone number and your password. If you do not have an account, select Setup and follow the guide.

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#### Skyward (Parents)

Select the Skyward (Parents) button on your Launched Dashboard. If you have multiple children, make sure you select which child you wish to view.



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#### District Links

Locate the District Links in the upper right-hand corner of the page. When you click it, the District Links will drop down. Select State Assessment Scores.

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#### State Assessment Scores

In the Family Portal, you can view your child's performance on each state test for the current school year as well as previous years.



[tinyurl.com/OCPSAFR](http://tinyurl.com/OCPSAFR)





# Student Scores

## End of Course (EOCs) Assessments

- Students in courses that take an EOC must sit for the exam to complete the course as it equates to 30% of their final grade. This is a standard diploma graduation requirement.
- Passing the Algebra 1 End of Course assessment is a graduation requirement.\*
- Students seeking a scholar diploma will also need to sit for and pass specific EOC assessments.

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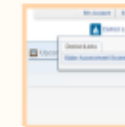
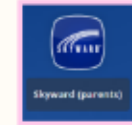
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**What are the spring state assessments?**



# Florida Assessment for Student Thinking (FAST)

## Type of Assessment

Computer adaptive assessment administered through either Renaissance or the state Test Delivery System

## Purpose

Measures student mastery of the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) standards

## Session(s)

Administered in one session ranging from 100-120 minutes

Students may continue working for up to the length of a typical school day, if needed



# End of Course Assessments (EOC)

## Type of Assessment

Computer-based assessments administered through the state Test Delivery System

## Purpose

Measures student mastery of the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards or the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) for specific courses, as outlined in their course descriptions

## Session(s)

Administered in one 160-minute session  
Students may continue working for up to the length of a typical school day, if needed



# Statewide Science Assessment (SSA)

## Type of Assessment

Paper-based assessment that is delivered to each school from the Florida Department of Education

## Purpose

Measures student mastery of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) in science

## Session(s)

Administered in two 80-minute sessions



**Who takes the assessments?**



# Assessments by Grade Level

|                                 | VPK-2        | 3-5     | 6-8                       | High School                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------------|--|
| FAST Star Early Literacy        | Grades VPK-1 |         |                           |  |
| FAST Reading                    | Grades K-10  |         |                           |  |
| FAST Math                       | Grades K-8   |         |                           |  |
| Statewide Science               |              | Grade 5 | Grade 8                   |  |
| End of Course (EOC) Assessments |              |         | Civics, Algebra, Geometry | Biology, Algebra, Geometry, and US History |



# Grades 6-8

## 6th Grade

FAST ELA  
FAST Math<sup>1</sup>

## 7th Grade

FAST ELA  
FAST Math<sup>1</sup>  
Civics EOC<sup>2</sup>

## 8th Grade

FAST ELA  
FAST Math<sup>1</sup>  
SSA

**[1]** Students enrolled in Algebra or Geometry will take the corresponding EOC in place of FAST Mathematics.

**[2]** The Civics EOC is taken during enrollment in the Civics course. Most students will take this assessment during the 7th grade year, but may be taken as part of the 8th grade year.

**[3]** Students enrolled in a United States Government course are required to take the FCLE (s.1003.4282(3)(d), F.S.).

| Assessment  | # of Items  | Time  | Frequency        |
|---|-------------|---|------------------|
| FAST ELA  | 36-45 items | PM1 - 90 minutes<br>PM 2 - 90 minutes<br>PM 3 - 120 minutes   | 3 times per year |
| FAST Math   | 36-45 items | PM1 - 100 minutes<br>PM 2 - 100 minutes<br>PM 3 - 120 minutes | 3 times per year |
| Statewide Science Assessment (SSA)  | 60-66 items | Two 80 minute sessions  | 1 time per year  |
| Civics End of Course (EOC)  | 60-66 items | up to 160 minutes   | 1 time per year  |
| Algebra 1 End of Course (EOC)   | 56-60 items | up to 160 minutes   | 1 time per year  |
| Geometry End of Course (EOC)  | 56-60 items | up to 160 minutes   | 1 time per year  |
| The assessment below will be taken at some point in grades 6-12 based on course enrollment. |             |   |                  |
| Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE) <sup>4</sup>   | 80 items    | Up to 160 minutes   | 1 time per year  |





**When do the assessments take place?**





# School-wide Testing Schedule

| Liberty Middle FAST Bell Schedule 2023  |                                   |                        |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| FAST - Tuesday May 2  |                                   |                        |
| Reading   |                                   |                        |
| 9:30 - 11:20 – FAST ELA (Reading)   |                                   |                        |
| Student will attend a <u>SILENT</u> lunch with testing group for Students w/Extended Time (hallway walk silent) |                                   |                        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> grade   | 7 <sup>th</sup> grade             | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade  |
| 11:25 -11:55 - Lunch A  | Remain in Testing Room            | Remain in Testing Room |
| Return and Remain in Testing Room   | 12:05 - 12:35 - Lunch B           |                        |
|   | Return and Remain in Testing Room | 12:45 - 1:15 - Lunch C |
| 1:20 - 2:00 - 5th period (40 minutes)   |                                   |                        |
| 2:04 - 2:49 - 6th period (40 minutes)   |                                   |                        |
| 2:53 - 3:33 - 7th period (40 minutes)   |                                   |                        |
| 3:37 - 3:57 - 4th period - (20 minutes)   |                                   |                        |



# School-wide Testing Schedule



| Liberty Middle FAST Bell Schedule 2023   |                                   |                        |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| FAST - Thursday May 4  |                                   |                        |
| Math   |                                   |                        |
| 9:30 - 11:20 – FAST Mathematics  |                                   |                        |
| Student will attend a <b><u>SILENT</u></b> lunch with testing group for Students w/Extended Time (hallway walk silent) |                                   |                        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> grade  | 7 <sup>th</sup> grade             | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade  |
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| 1:20 - 2:00 - 1st period (40 minutes)  |                                   |                        |
| 2:04 - 2:49 - 2nd period (40 minutes)  |                                   |                        |
| 2:53 - 3:33 - 3rd period (40 minutes)  |                                   |                        |
| 3:37 - 3:57 - 4th period - (20 minutes)  |                                   |                        |



# School-wide Testing Schedule



| Liberty Middle CFEs Bell Schedule 2023     |                            |                            |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Monday May 15                              |                            |                            |
| 9:30 - 11:12 - Testing Block 1: 1st Period |                            |                            |
| 6th grade                                  | 7th grade                  | 8th grade                  |
| 11:12-11:42 - Lunch A                      | 11:16 - 12:03 - 3rd period | 11:16 - 12:03 - 3rd period |
| 11:46 - 12:33 - 3rd period                 | 12:03-12:33 - Lunch B      | 12:07 - 12:54 - 4th period |
| 12:37 - 1:24 - 4th period                  | 12:37 - 1:24 - 4th period  | 12:54-1:24 - Lunch C       |
| 1:28 - 2:15 - 5th period                   |                            |                            |
| 2:19 - 3:57 - Testing Block 2: 2nd Period  |                            |                            |



# School-wide Testing Schedule



| Liberty Middle CFEs Bell Schedule 2023     |                            |                            |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tuesday May 16                             |                            |                            |
| 9:30 - 11:12 - Testing Block 1: 3rd Period |                            |                            |
| 6th grade                                  | 7th grade                  | 8th grade                  |
| 11:12-11:42 - Lunch A                      | 11:16 - 12:03 - 6th period | 11:16 - 12:03 - 6th period |
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| 1:28 - 2:15 - 1st period                   |                            |                            |
| 2:19 - 3:57 - Testing Block 2: 4th Period  |                            |                            |



# School-wide Testing Schedule



| Liberty Middle CFEs Bell Schedule 2023     |                            |                            |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wednesday May 17                           |                            |                            |
| 9:30 - 11:12 - Testing Block 1: 5th Period |                            |                            |
| 6th grade                                  | 7th grade                  | 8th grade                  |
| 11:12-11:42 - Lunch A                      | 11:16 - 12:03 - 6th period | 11:16 - 12:03 - 6th period |
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| 1:28 - 2:15 - 1st period                   |                            |                            |
| 2:19 - 3:06 - 2nd period                   |                            |                            |











# School-wide Testing Schedule



| Liberty Middle CFEs Bell Schedule 2023     |                            |                            |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Thursday May 18                            |                            |                            |
| 9:30 - 11:12 - Testing Block 1: 6th Period |                            |                            |
| 6th grade                                  | 7th grade                  | 8th grade                  |
| 11:12-11:42 - Lunch A                      | 11:16 - 12:03 - 3rd period | 11:16 - 12:03 - 3rd period |
| 11:46 - 12:33 - 3rd period                 | 12:03-12:33 - Lunch B      | 12:07 - 12:54 - 2nd period |
| 12:37 - 1:24 - 2nd period                  | 12:37 - 1:24 - 2nd period  | 12:54-1:24 - Lunch C       |
| 1:28 - 2:15 - 5th period                   |                            |                            |
| 2:19 - 3:57 - Testing Block 2: 7th Period  |                            |                            |



# 6-8 Testing Dates

|  |  |
|--|--|
|  <b>May 2</b><br>Grades 6-8 FAST<br>ELA Reading |  <b>May 4</b><br>Grades 6-8 FAST<br>Mathematics |
|  <b>May 5</b><br>Algebra and Geometry<br>EOC    |  <b>May 8</b><br>Science & Civics<br>EOC        |
|  <b>May 15</b><br>CFE P1 & P2                   |  <b>May 16</b><br>CFE P3 & P4                   |
|  <b>May 17</b><br>CFE P5                      |  <b>May 18</b><br>CFE P6 & P7                 |

| May 2023 |     |     |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Mon      | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
| 1        | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| 8        | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| 15       | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| 22       | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| 29       |     |     |     |     |

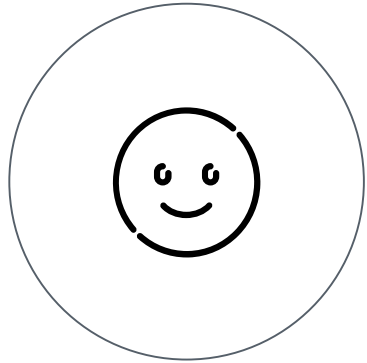
The state testing makeup window is available until May 26th.



**How can students prepare for testing?**



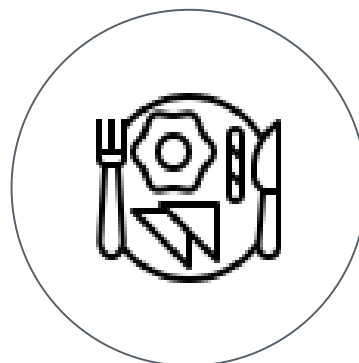
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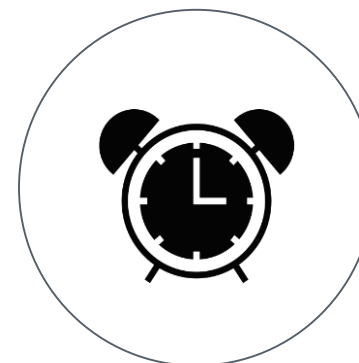
**Encouragement**



**Sleep**



**Breakfast**



**Attendance**



**Mindset**



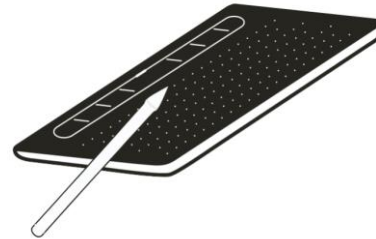
# Preparation Tips: Technology

## Laptops/Tablets

Bring your school-issued device to school on testing days.

## Charging

Charge devices to ensure that your child is prepared for testing.



## Shut Down

The night before testing, shut down and power off your device.

## Power Cords

Bring device power cords to school to keep devices fully charged.



# FAST Portal

Families can visit the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal and learn more about the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) and access resources.



## Family Resources Available in the FAST Portal

Use this document to access the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal and learn more about the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST).

### Florida Assessments Portal

Visit the Students and Families Portal at [flfast.org/families.html](http://flfast.org/families.html) to view general resources about the FAST testing.



View Sample Items for VPK-2

### VPK-2 Sample Items

Select this tile to access sample items for Star Early Literacy, Reading and Math tests. Each document is sorted by grade level.

### Grades 3-10 Sample Items

Select this tile to access the practice site. This will allow students and families to take a sample test to become familiar with the testing platform.



Take a Sample Test for Grades 3-10

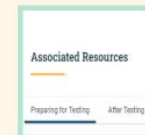


### Resources for Families

This section contains information to help families better understand what the FAST test is and why students are taking the test.

### Associated Resources

In this section, families can review guides on topics such as; graduation requirements, accommodations and parent reports.





# Sample Tests: Grades 3-10

Online sample tests are available on the FAST portal for the following grades and subjects:

- Grades 3-10 FAST English Language Arts Reading
- Grades 4-10 FAST B.E.S.T. Writing
- Grades 3-10 FAST Mathematics
- Civics
- U.S. History
- Algebra EOC
- Geometry EOC
- Biology EOC

## Family Tip

Review the sample items and sample tests to familiarize students with the types of questions they will see on the assessment



# Student Experience





# Testing Rules

**Students will be read these testing rules during test administration:**

- You may not have a cell phone during testing.
- Do not talk to other students or make any disturbance.
- Do not look at another student's test materials.
- Do not ask for or provide help in answering any test questions.
- Use only approved materials for taking notes.
- Do not discuss specific test items after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites.

If a student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.



# Electronic Devices

The only device permitted during testing is the school-issued device used to take the assessment.

Students are not permitted to have any other electronic devices, including but not limited to, **cell phones, smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, and cameras** at any time during testing or during breaks, even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them.

Possession of such devices is cause for **invalidation**.





# Testing Materials



Calculators are not permitted  
for grades 3-5 FAST  
Mathematics



Calculators are available for the following assessments:

- Grade 6 FAST Mathematics (*four-function*)
- Grades 7 and 8 FAST Mathematics (*scientific*)
- Grade 8 Science (*four-function*)
- Biology EOC (*four-function*)
- Algebra and Geometry EOC (*scientific*)



# Testing Materials

Reference sheets are not available for Grade 3 FAST Mathematics.

Reference sheets are available for Grades 4-8 FAST Mathematics, Algebra 1 and Geometry.

A periodic table reference sheet is available for the Grade 8 Statewide Science Assessment and Biology 1 EOC.

## Family Tip

Make sure your child feels comfortable using these assessment materials and tools prior to testing days



# Testing Accommodations





# Testing Accommodations

2022–2023 Statewide Assessments  
Accommodations Guides provide information  
concerning allowable accommodations for:

- Students with disabilities  
(Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504)
- Students who are identified as English  
Language Learners (ELL)
- Students who are identified as recently exited  
ELLs

Grades 3-10



## Statewide Assessments Accommodations Guide


2022–2023

Grades 3–10 FAST ELA Reading and Mathematics,  
B.E.S.T. Writing Field Test,  
End-of-Course Assessments,  
Statewide Science, FSA Retakes,  
and Florida Civic Literacy Exam


Updated February 14, 2023




# Testing Accommodation Tips



Review your child's IEP, 504 plan or ELL status to become familiar with the accommodations your child will be offered during testing.



Make sure that your child feels comfortable with their accommodations. If you or your child have questions about the accommodations your student will receive on test day, contact the testing coordinator.



Encourage your child to use the accommodations available to them while taking state assessments.



# Q & A





# Family Assessment Feedback Form

Please take a moment to complete our feedback survey using the QR code below.

*Thank You*

