



# Patriot Oaks Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will soon be taking the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) for ELA Writing, ELA Reading, and Math according to the following schedule:

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
ELA Reading: April 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>	ELA Writing: March 6 <sup>th</sup>	ELA Writing: March 6 <sup>th</sup>
FSA Math: May 2 <sup>nd</sup> and May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	ELA Reading: April 25 <sup>th</sup> & April 26 <sup>th</sup>	ELA Reading: April 25 <sup>th</sup> & April 26 <sup>th</sup>
	FSA Math: May 4 <sup>th</sup> & May 7 <sup>th</sup>	FSA Math: May 4 <sup>th</sup> & May 7 <sup>th</sup>
		SSA Science: April 30 <sup>th</sup> & May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
ELA Writing: March 6 <sup>th</sup>	ELA Writing: March 6 <sup>th</sup>	ELA Writing: March 6 <sup>th</sup>
ELA Reading: April 16 <sup>th</sup> & April 17 <sup>th</sup>	ELA Reading: April 16 <sup>th</sup> & April 17 <sup>th</sup>	ELA Reading: April 18 <sup>th</sup> & April 19 <sup>th</sup>
FSA Math: May 10 <sup>th</sup> & May 11 <sup>th</sup>	FSA Math*: May 10 <sup>th</sup> & May 11 <sup>th</sup>	FSA Math*: May 10 <sup>th</sup> & May 11 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>Civics EOC: May 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Geo EOC- May 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; May 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Alg I EOC- May 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	SSA Science: April 30 <sup>th</sup>

\*Students taking Algebra or Geometry will not take the grade level Math FSA. These students will take the State End of Course Exams (EOC) for that course instead.

Your student will have an opportunity to 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 assessments. 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 <http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>.

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2018 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at [www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org), click on the **Students and Families** icon, select the **Frequently Asked Questions** card, then select the question: "How long are the 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 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

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students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated. Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3–6 Mathematics tests.

- **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 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 in 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, or posting to blogs or social media websites, etc. **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 (for lunch, an appointment or illness, etc.), 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, please contact Dianna Carlson-Bright @ [Dianna.carlson-bright@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Dianna.carlson-bright@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA Portal at [www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org).

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

Sincerely,

Allison Olson, principal