



Lakeland Highlands Middle School

Spring 2018 Testing Schedule

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Below you will find the dates of the upcoming Florida Standards Assessments (FSA). Please note that the FSA English Language Arts (ELA) Reading, FSA Math, Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC), and Geometry End-of-Course (EOC) each consist of two days of testing for multiple sessions. All exams will start promptly at the beginning of first period. If a student arrives after testing has begun on their testing day, he/she will have to wait in an alternate location until testing is completed for the day. Please make every effort to not schedule appointments during testing times. In addition, please encourage your child to get a good night's rest and to eat a good breakfast before testing.

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
ELA Writing Test 1 Session – 1 day 120 minutes	Tuesday, March 6 th (<i>Paper-Based</i>)	Tuesday, March 6 th (<i>Paper-Based</i>)	Thursday, March 1 st (<i>Computer-Based</i>)
ELA Reading Test 2 Sessions – 2 days 85 min. each session	Friday & Monday, April 20 th & 23 rd (<i>Computer-Based</i>)	Monday & Tuesday, April 16 th & 17 th (<i>Computer-Based</i>)	Wednesday & Thursday, April 18 th & 19 th (<i>Computer-Based</i>)
Math Test (<i>unless enrolled in Algebra 1 or Geometry</i>) 3 Sessions – 2 days 60 min. each session	Wednesday & Thursday, May 2 nd & 3 rd (<i>Computer-Based</i>)	Tuesday & Wednesday, April 24 th & 25 th (<i>Computer-Based</i>)	Thursday & Friday, April 26 th & 27 th (<i>Computer-Based</i>)
Science Test 2 Sessions – 1 day 80 min. each session	None	None	Tuesday, May 1 st (<i>Paper-Based</i>)
Algebra E.O.C. (<i>if enrolled in course</i>) 2 Sessions – 2 days 90 min. each session	None	Monday & Tuesday, May 7 th & 8 th (<i>Computer-Based</i>)	Monday & Tuesday, May 7 th & 8 th (<i>Computer-Based</i>)
Geometry E.O.C. (<i>if enrolled in course</i>) 2 Sessions – 2 days 90 min. each session	None	None	Monday & Tuesday, May 7 th & 8 th (<i>Computer-Based</i>)
Civics E.O.C. (<i>if enrolled in course</i>) 1 Session – 1 day 160 minutes	None	Monday, April 30 th (<i>Computer-Based</i>)	None

E.O.C. = End-of-Course Assessment

Your student will have an opportunity to participate in a practice session to become familiar with the item types and response formats he/she will see on the computer-based assessments. If you or your student would like to review the

materials, paper-based practice tests and answer keys are available at <https://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/index.shtml>.

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 they 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.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All EOC tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student’s test ticket, “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 their name to the testing ticket.
- **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 passages or items after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, 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. **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. FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student test within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will have their results invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If a student begins a test session and leaves campus before completing it (for lunch, an appointment or illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete 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 a student has an IEP or Section 504 plan, testing accommodations will be provided as specifically detailed in the plan for state tests if applicable. Testing accommodations are separate from general classroom accommodations.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Mr. Westberry at gary.westberry@polk-fl.net. Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging them to do his/her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

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