



# **HUBERT O. SIBLEY K-8 ACADEMY**

**Diving into Academics!**

**Welcome to Hubert O. Sibley K-8 Academy**

**6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>**

**FSA Parent Night**

**March 17, 2021**

# **AGENDA**

- What is the FSA?
- FSA testing dates
- FSA test length, Sessions and Times
  - FSA Test Specifications
- How can I help my child at home?

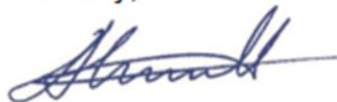
Dear Parent or Guardian:

Miami-Dade County Public Schools strives to provide an excellent educational program for all our students, whether they are attending in person or online. We recognize the unprecedented disruption to the traditional educational program due to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially as we prepare for annually administered state tests. As you may recall, the Florida Department of Education cancelled the administration of these assessments last year.

However, this year the Florida Department of Education expects all students to take the Florida Statewide Assessments. This includes the following assessments: FSA English Language Arts Writing and Reading; FSA Mathematics; Statewide Science Assessments; the End-of-Course assessments in Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, Civics, U.S. History, and the Florida Standards Alternate Assessments (FSAA).

The results from these assessments are important and are used to make sure that your child is placed in appropriate classes and receives appropriate instruction and services. As such, all students physically attending school or participating in My School Online will be expected to take these assessments in person at their schools. Your student's school is taking all necessary precautions to provide a safe environment for this testing, and you will be notified of the scheduled time(s) when your student is expected to test. We encourage all students to participate in these important measures of their academic achievement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alberto M. Carvalho', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alberto M. Carvalho  
Superintendent of Schools



## Spring 2021 Florida Statewide and District Testing

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) requires that all students participate in the Spring 2021 administration of the Florida Statewide Assessments. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) supports the inclusion of all students who can participate in these assessments to ensure proper placement in courses and the provision of appropriate support services. In addition, M-DCPS has provided guidance to schools on best practices for administering state assessments in the schoolhouse, which include the following:

- Maintaining social distancing at all times
- Ensuring staggered arrival and departure times
- Sanitizing rooms and student workstations and/or computer equipment every day
- Assigning the same desk to students back-to-back on subsequent administration days
- Providing sufficient pencils so that they need not be returned or disinfected after use
- Ensuring the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by students and staff
- Conducting health screenings at home each day (students and staff)

The table below provides information on the scheduled administration of the Florida Statewide Assessments and District-designated assessments as well as the potential impact on students.

## What is the FSA?

- The Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) is an authentic assessment that includes more than just multiple-choice questions.
- Students will be expected to respond to multiple choice questions, create graphs, write and respond in different ways than on other traditional tests.
- Will prepare Florida students for success in college, career, and in life by emphasizing analytical thinking.
- Measures students' mastery of the standards taught.
- Meets high quality standards for assessment, including reliability and validity for a variety of accountability purposes.
- Emphasizes critical thinking.

# \* Which assessments will my child take?

Grade	Assessments
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FSA ELA Reading/Writing (PBT)</li><li>• FSA Mathematics</li></ul>
Grade 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FSA ELA Reading/Writing</li><li>• FSA Mathematics</li><li>• Civics EOC</li></ul>
Grade 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FSA ELA Reading/Writing</li><li>• FSA Mathematics (unless enrolled in EOC course)</li><li>• Grade 8 Science (unless enrolled in Biology)</li></ul>
Students enrolled in EOC courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Algebra I**, Geometry, and/or Biology EOC</li></ul>

## Florida Standards Assessments (FSA)

### English Language Arts – Writing

Grade Level	Number of Days of Testing	Number of Sessions	Minutes per Session	Total Minutes per Grade Level
4*	1	1	120	120
5*	1	1	120	120
6*	1	1	120	120
7*	1	1	120	120
8	1	1	120	120
9	1	1	120	120
10	1	1	120	120
Retake**	1	1	120	120

### English Language Arts – Reading

Grade Level	Number of Days of Testing	Number of Sessions	Minutes per Session	Total Minutes per Grade Level
3*	2	2	80	160
4	2	2	80	160
5	2	2	80	160
6	2	2	85	170
7	2	2	85	170
8	2	2	85	170
9	2	2	90	180
10	2	2	90	180
Retake**	2	2	90	180



## Mathematics

Grade Level	Number of Days of Testing	Number of Sessions	Minutes per Session	Total Minutes per Grade Level
3	2	2	80	160
4	2	2	80	160
5	2	2	80	160
6	2	3	60	180
7	2	3	60	180
8	2	3	60	180

## FSA End-of-Course Assessments

Subject	Number of Days of Testing	Number of Sessions	Minutes per Session**	Total Minutes per Assessment**
Algebra 1	2	2	90	180
Geometry	2	2	90	180



# Florida Statewide Assessments

Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) Assessments				
Reading Retake and Science				
Subject	Number of Days of Testing	Number of Sessions	Minutes per Session	Total Minutes per Assessment
Grade 5 Science*	2	2	80	160
Grade 8 Science*	1	2	80	160
End-of-Course Assessments				
Subject	Number of Days of Testing	Number of Sessions	Minutes per Assessment**	
Biology 1	1	1	160	
Civics	1	1	160	

\*Paper-based test

\*\*Students who are still working at the end of the allotted time for the session may continue working up to the length of a typical school day.

# \* FSA ELA Writing

April 6-8 (Grades 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> )

- Administered in **one 120-minute session**; completed in one day.
- Consists of one text-based constructed-response item (students read a variety of texts and respond to a prompt).
- Computer-based (Grades 7-8) or paper-based (Grades 6)
- Combined with FSA Reading to form one composite score; exact weight of Writing not known but estimated as possibly around 20%.

# \* FSA ELA Reading

## Window: May 3-4

- Grade: 6<sup>th</sup> – Paper-Based
- Grade's 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Computer-Based
- Contains 56-66 items
- Administered in **two sessions**; completed over **two days**.
  - Grades 6–8 students will have **85 minutes** for each session.

If student does not complete all Reading and Writing sessions, he/she will NOT receive an FSA ELA score.

- The test is composed of Reading Comprehension, Grammar, and Listening skills.

# \*FSA Mathematics Test

**Tentative Window:** 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> May 10-13  
EOC Algebra 1 and Geometry May 20-21

- \* Grades 6-8, unless enrolled in EOC course
- \* Computer-based
- \* Contains 56-66 items
- \* Administered in **three 60 minute sessions** over **two days**.
- \* Technology Enhanced Items
  - \* Drag and drop, open response, multi-select, graphic response item display, equation editor, matching, table.
- \* Grade 6 not permitted to use calculators.
- \* Grade 7 and 8 may only use calculators for Sessions 2 and 3.
- \* Work folders are provided for students to work out problems.



# \*End-of-Course (EOC) Exams

- \* Can be FSA or NGSSS
- \* Required for students enrolled in the following EOC courses only:
  - \* Civics (7<sup>th</sup>)
  - \* Biology
  - \* Algebra I (graduation requirement—must pass with a Level 3)
  - \* Geometry
- \* All EOCs are worth 30% of the student's final grade in the course.

# \*NGSSS End-of-Course (EOC) Exams

Grade 7 Civics and Biology 1

Dates:

Civics - May 20

Biology- May 25

- \* Required only for students enrolled in the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Civics and Biology 1.
- \* Computer-based
- \* Students will have **160 minutes** to complete these assessments.
- \* Students are strongly encouraged to complete practice tests online at home at: [www.FLAssessments.com/ePATs](http://www.FLAssessments.com/ePATs)

# Grade 8 Science

Tentative Date: May 12

- ▶ Paper-based
- ▶ Administered in **two 80 minute sessions** in **one day**.
- ▶ Students are strongly encouraged to complete practice tests online at home at: <http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>

# \* Supports we have put in place to ensure your child is successful

- \* Tutoring for various content area before and after school and Spring Break Academy.
- \* Instruction aligned with Florida standards and is data-informed.
- \* Writing workshops
- \* Civics Bootcamp



## **How can I support my student?**

- Parents and families can promote student success by staying involved in their student's education, offering positive support and feedback, and encouraging their child to relax and do his or her very best.
- By staying connected with their student's school and teachers and taking advantage of online resources, such as school websites and portals, parents and families can stay informed and be equipped to meet the needs of their student at home.
- To help students, parents/guardians, and educators understand what the FSA test items will look like, the department provides computer-based and paper-based practice tests on the FSA Portal.
- Encourage attendance throughout tutoring sessions scheduled.

## FSA Practice Tests

- Before taking the “live” test, you will take a practice test.
- The practice test will allow you to use the Test Delivery System and help you learn how to respond to the different types of questions as you also use the tools.
- You can take grade level/course specific practice test **anytime** on the FSA Portal at  
<http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>
- Each assessed item type is represented on these Practice Tests with at least one example.
- There is a NO calculator and calculator session for grade 7, grade 8, and EOC's
- Note that although there are two sessions on grades 7 and 8 practice tests, grades 7 and 8 FSA have three sessions.
- Additional resources are found on  
<http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/>



\*Q & A / Concerns

Thank you for participating!

