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Dear Parent:

Florida Home Education Program (FHEP) students may participate in the Spring 2019 Florida Standards Assessments (FSA), Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS), and the Stanford Achievement Test, Tenth Edition (SAT-10), as eligible. A passing score on any of these tests may fulfill the evaluation requirements for educational progress. FHEP parents must complete the [Testing Registration Form \(linked\)](#) by the deadline and confirm with the assigned home school.

All students who participate in Miami-Dade County Public School campus-based activities/testing are required to have age-appropriate vaccines.

The parent of a FHEP student participating in the testing program is responsible for the following:

1. Submit the Testing Registration Form to the Federal and State Compliance Office (FASCO) no later than Friday, February 22, 2019, to register for the Spring 2019 test administrations.
2. Provide to FASCO two legal, self-addressed stamped envelopes (one with a .50 cent stamp and one with a \$1.00 stamp) to receive your child's test results via U.S. Mail. In the lower left corner of each envelope, clearly write your child's name and grade. If more than one child is being tested, provide separate sets of envelopes for each child. Parents may also contact FASCO at HomeEducation@dadeschools.net to pick-up registration forms and test results.
3. Present the approved registration form to the school where your child has been assigned to receive testing instructions no later than:

➤ **Friday, March 8, 2019**

- SAT-10 Reading Comprehension and Mathematics (Grades K-2 PBT)
- FSA English/Language Arts (ELA) Writing (Grades 4-6) are paper-based (PBT) and (Grades 7-10) are computer-based (CBT)
- FSA ELA Reading (Grade 3) is PBT
- FSA ELA Reading (Grades 4-6 PBT and Grades 7-10 CBT)
- FSA Mathematics (Grades 3-6 PBT and Grades 7-8 CBT)
- FCAT 2.0 Science (Grades 5 and 8 PBT)

➤ **Friday, April 12, 2019**

- FSA Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) (Enrolled students, Grades 6-12; CBT only)
- FSA Geometry EOC (Enrolled students, Grades 6-12; CBT only)
- NGSSS Biology 1 EOC (Enrolled students, Grades 6-12; CBT only)
- NGSSS Civics EOC (Enrolled students, Grades 6-8; CBT only)
- NGSSS US History EOC (Enrolled students, Grades 9-12; CBT only)

4. Provide emergency contact information to school staff on each test day.
5. Provide transportation for your child to and from the school for each test day.
6. Ensure that your child adheres to all school regulations; specifically, those related to the testing program.
7. Notify the school in a timely manner if your child will be absent on any scheduled test day(s).

Deadline dates must be adhered to prevent disruption to test administration at the school site. Student Assessment and Educational Testing (SAET) will not allow exceptions. Upon submission of the approved Test Registration Form at the assigned school, a schedule of specific testing dates and times will be provided to the parent. **Please notify the Home Education Office if the school does not respond within 72 hours of parent contact.**

If your child requires special accommodations as per the Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), such accommodations must be requested in writing on the Testing Registration Form with supporting documentation (IEP or 504 Plan). Please note that the guidelines for provision of testing accommodations for each testing program and subject may differ. Some accommodations

which may be provided in an instructional setting are specifically prohibited during testing; therefore, those accommodations cannot be provided, even if requested.

Test accommodations requested:

- Should facilitate an accurate demonstration of what the student knows or can do;
- Must not provide the student with an unfair advantage or interfere with the validity of the test results;
- Must not change the underlying skills that are being measured by the test;
- Must be the same or nearly the same as adaptations used by the student in completing their academic instruction and assessment activities;
- Must be necessary for enabling the student to demonstrate knowledge, ability, skill, or mastery; and
- Must be permissible under the guidelines for the specific test to be administered.

The table below notes which components of the SAT-10, FSA, and NGSSS Assessments are administered to students per grade level. It is not required for a student to participate in all the tests available at a specific grade level. However, if you choose to have your child take a test that is administered in multiple sessions, your child will be expected to participate in all sessions of that test. **In Grades 4-10, the FSA ELA Reading and Writing components must BOTH be administered to receive an FSA ELA score.**

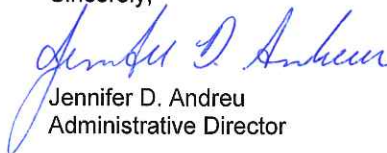
Grade Levels Tested: SAT-10, FSA, and NGSSS Assessments

Test	Grade Level												
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SAT-10 Reading Comprehension and Mathematics	√	√	√										
FSA English/Language Arts (Includes Writing and Reading) <i>(Students in grades 4-10 must take both Writing and Reading to receive a FSA ELA score).</i>													
FSA ELA Writing (Grades 4-6 PBT; 7-10 CBT)					√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
FSA ELA Reading (Grade 3-6 PBT; 7-10 CBT)				√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
FSA Mathematics (Grades 3-6 PBT; 7-8 CBT)				√	√	√	√	√	√				
FCAT 2.0 Science (Grades 5 and 8 PBT)						√			√				
FSA Algebra 1 EOC (Grades 6-12 CBT)									Enrolled, Algebra 1 or Equivalent Course				
FSA Geometry EOC (Grades 6-12 CBT)									Enrolled, Geometry or Equivalent Course				
NGSSS Biology 1 EOC (Grades 6-12 CBT)									Enrolled, Biology 1 or Equivalent Course				
NGSSS Civics EOC (Grades 6-8 CBT)									Enrolled, Civics or Equivalent Course				
NGSSS US History EOC (Grades 9-12 CBT)										Enrolled, US History or Equivalent Course			

CBT (Computer-Based Testing); PBT (Paper-based Testing)

Please note that the following assessments are computer-based format: Grades 7-10 FSA ELA Writing; Grades 7-10 FSA ELA Reading; Grades 7-8 FSA Mathematics; FSA Algebra 1, Geometry, and NGSSS Biology 1, Civics, and US History EOC Assessments. Due to limited computer resources, students will be given a specific day, time, and location where they will be assigned to take the test(s) within the testing window. If the student is not present on the assigned day, rescheduling will be available at the school's discretion. Practice tests for FSA ELA Writing, FSA ELA Reading, FSA Mathematics, and FSA EOC Assessments may be accessed at www.FSAssessments.org. Electronic practice tests for the NGSSS EOC Assessments may be accessed at fl.pearsonaccessnext.com.

Sincerely,



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