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April 20, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian of My School Online (MSO) Students,

MSO Grades 3-6 ELA Writing/ELA Reading/Mathematics and/or Science Assessments

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 grade ELA Writing/ELA Reading/Mathematics (and science for grade 5 students) assessments during the week of April 8th and May 3rd through May 14th. Please see below testing windows for each grade level:

DATE	GRADE LEVEL	TEST	LENGTH OF TEST
April 8 th and 9 th	3 rd grade	Reading	80 minutes
April 8 th	4 th , 5 th , and 6 th grade	Writing	120 minutes
May 3 rd and 4 th	4 th and 5 th	Reading sessions 1 and 2	80 minutes
May 3 rd and 4 th	6 th grade	Reading sessions 1 and 2	85 minutes
May 10 th and 11 th	3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th grade	Math sessions 1 and 2	80 minutes
May 10 th	6 th grade	Math session 1	60 minutes
May 11 th	6 th grade	Math sessions 2 and 3	60 minutes each (120 minutes)
May 13 th and 14 th	5 th grade	Science sessions 1 and 2	80 minutes

Per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments.

DROP OFF/PICKUP TIMES: ELEMENTARY

MSO	TEACHER	DROP OFF AND PICK-UP TIME	DROP OFF AND PICK-UP TIME	LOCATION
STUDENTS		WRITING TEST	READING, MATH and SCIENCE TEST	
3 rd grade				
	K. Hernandez		9:05 – 11:30	Bus Lane
	S. Barbachan		9:05 – 11:30	Bus Lane
	Dominguez		9:05 – 11:30	Bus Lane
4 th grade				
	Toledo		8:55 – 11:15	Bus Lane
	G. Cruz	Testing Completed	8:55 – 11:15	Bus Lane
	C. Concepcion		8:55 – 11:15	Bus Lane
5 th grade				
	Purcell		8:45 – 11:05	Carpool
	K. Johnson	Testing Completed	8:45 – 11:05	Carpool
	St. Aubin		8:45 – 11:05	Carpool



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DROP OFF/PICKUP TIMES: GRADE 6

MSO STUDENTS	DROP OFF AND PICK-UP TIME	DROP OFF AND PICK-UP TIME	DROP OFF AND PICK-UP TIME	DROP OFF AND PICK-UP TIME	LOCATION
Grade 6	WRITING April 8 th	READING May 3 rd & 4 th	MATH DAY 1 May 10 th	MATH DAY 2 May 11 th	Carpool
	Testing Completed	8:55 – 11:20	8:55 – 10:55	8:55 – 11:55	

Please do not deviate from the schedule for the safety and wellbeing of our students and families. Please do not arrive at the school during a time that is not designated for you. Pick up time for students with extended time will vary.

Bus lane drop off and pick-up designated area is located on SW 128th avenue Carpool drop off/pick-up designated area is located on SW 272nd street

In addition, please make ensure your child/ children bring a light sweater, water and snack.

The tests your child is scheduled for is designed to be taken over one or two days (one session per day) depending on the tested subject to prevent testing fatigue (except for ELA Writing which is one session).

For information regarding session lengths for Spring 2021 assessments, please see the <u>2020–2021 Florida Statewide</u> Grade-Level Assessments Fact Sheet.

To help your student become comfortable with the item types and response formats, the following resources are available at http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/:

- Paper-Based Practice Tests and Answer Keys
- Student Presentations

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 during testing, his or her test will be invalidated. All students will be asked to turn off all electronic devices and place them in a secure location in the classroom. We recommend leaving smart watches at home.
- Calculators—Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3–6 Mathematics tests.
- Testing Rules Acknowledgment—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student's test and answer book 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 in their test and answer book.
- 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 content (including test items, passages, and prompts) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites." Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that "discussing" test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online.



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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, 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 (e.g., for lunch, an appointment, illness), 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) or a recently exited 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 Mrs. Toi Scott at tscott1@dadeschools.net. For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at www.FSAssessments.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during Spring 2021 assessments.

Respectfully,

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