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

MSO Grades 7-8 FSA ELA Writing/ELA Reading, FSA Mathematics/Algebra 1/Geometry End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments, Civics EOC Assessment, and NGSSS 2.0 Science Assessment/Biology 1 End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based Grade 7 and 8 FSA ELA Writing/ELA Reading, FSA Mathematics/Algebra 1/Geometry End-of-Course (EOC) assessment(s), Civics EOC Assessment, and NGSSS 2.0 Science/Biology 1 EOC Assessments during the week of April 8th and May 3rd through May 21st. Please see below the testing windows for 7th and 8th grade:

TESTING DATES & DROP OFF/PICKUP TIMES: 7th GRADE

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DATE	GRADE LEVEL	TEST	LENGTH OF TEST	DROP OFF AND PICK-UP TIME	LOCATION			
April 8 th	7 th grade	Writing	120 minutes	8:45 – 11:30	Carpool			
May 3 rd and May 4 th	7 th grade	Reading sessions 1 and 2	85 minutes	8:45 – TBA	Carpool			
May 10 th	7 th grade	FSA Math session 1	60 minutes	8:45 – TBA	Carpool			
		Algebra EOC session 1	90+ minutes	8:45 – TBA or until student finishes				
May 11 th	7 th grade	Math sessions 2 and 3	60 minutes	8:45 – TBA Sessions 2 and 3				
		Algebra EOC session 2	90+ minutes	8:45 – TBA or until student finishes				
May 18 th	7 th grade	Civics EOC session 1	80+ minutes	8:45 – TBA or until student finishes	Carpool			

TESTING DATES & DROP OFF/PICKUP TIMES:8th GRADE

DATE	GRADE	TEST	LENGTH OF TEST	DROP OFF AND PICK-	LOCATION
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April 9 th	8 th grade	Writing	120 minutes	8:45 – 11:30	Carpool
May 6 th and May 7 th	8 th grade	Reading sessions 1 and 2	85 minutes	8:45 – TBA	Carpool
May 13 th	8 th grade	FSA Math session 1	60 minutes	8:45 – TBA	Carpool
		Algebra/Geometry EOC	90+ minutes	8:45 – TBA or until	
		session 1		student finishes	
May 14 th	8 th grade	Math sessions 2 and 3	60 minutes	8:45 – TBA	
		Algebra/Geometry EOC	90+ minutes	8:45 – 11:00 or until	
		session 2		student finishes	
May 17 th	8 th grade	Biology EOC	80+ minutes	8:45 – TBA or until	Carpool
				student finishes	
May 17 th	8 th grade	Science sessions 1 and 2	160 minutes	8:45 – TBA	Carpool

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

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.

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 Grade-Level</u> <u>Assessments Fact Sheet</u>.

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 Scientific calculators are permitted during sessions 2 and 3 of the Grades 7–8 Mathematics assessment, and session 2 of the Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC.
- 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. 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.



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- 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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