



# Miami-Dade County Public Schools

*giving our students the world*

**Superintendent of Schools**  
Alberto M. Carvalho

**Miami-Dade County School Board**

Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair  
Dr. Steve Gallon III, Vice Chair  
Lucia Baez-Geller  
Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall  
Christi Fraga  
Dr. Lubby Navarro  
Dr. Marta Pérez  
Mari Tere Rojas  
Luisa Santos

**Principal**  
Alonza Pendergrass  
**Assistant Principal**  
Angella Gibson-Carvalho  
**Assistant Principal**  
Niki Milian

April 20, 2021

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 8<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please see below the testing windows for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade:

**TESTING DATES & DROP OFF/PICKUP TIMES: 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

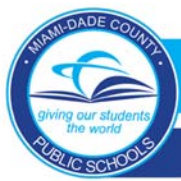
| DATE                                        | GRADE LEVEL           | TEST                     | LENGTH OF TEST                   | DROP OFF AND PICK-UP TIME           | LOCATION |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| April 8 <sup>th</sup>                       | 7 <sup>th</sup> grade | Writing                  | 120 minutes                      | 8:45 – 11:30                        | Carpool  |
| May 3 <sup>rd</sup> and May 4 <sup>th</sup> | 7 <sup>th</sup> grade | Reading sessions 1 and 2 | 85 minutes                       | 8:45 – 11:10                        | Carpool  |
| May 10 <sup>th</sup>                        | 7 <sup>th</sup> grade | FSA Math session 1       | 60 minutes                       | 8:45 – 10:45                        | Carpool  |
|                                             |                       | Algebra EOC session 1    | 90+ minutes                      | 8:45 – 11:15<br>(max until 1:00 pm) |          |
| May 11 <sup>th</sup>                        | 7 <sup>th</sup> grade | Math sessions 2 and 3    | 60 minutes each<br>(120 minutes) | 8:45 – 11:45<br>Sessions 2 and 3    |          |
|                                             |                       | Algebra EOC session 2    | 90+ minutes                      | 8:45 – 11:15<br>(max until 1:00 pm) |          |
| May 18 <sup>th</sup>                        | 7 <sup>th</sup> grade | Civics EOC session 1     | 80+ minutes                      | 8:45 – 11:05<br>(max until 3:05 pm) | Carpool  |

**TESTING DATES & DROP OFF/PICKUP TIMES: 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

| DATE                                        | GRADE LEVEL           | TEST                           | LENGTH OF TEST                   | DROP OFF AND PICK-UP TIME           | LOCATION |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| April 9 <sup>th</sup>                       | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade | Writing                        | 120 minutes                      | 8:45 – 11:30                        | Carpool  |
| May 6 <sup>th</sup> and May 7 <sup>th</sup> | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade | Reading sessions 1 and 2       | 85 minutes                       | 8:45 – 11:10                        | Carpool  |
| May 13 <sup>th</sup>                        | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade | FSA Math session 1             | 60 minutes                       | 8:45 – 10:45                        | Carpool  |
|                                             |                       | Algebra/Geometry EOC session 1 | 90+ minutes                      | 8:45 – 11:15<br>(max until 1:00 pm) |          |
| May 14 <sup>th</sup>                        | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade | Math sessions 2 and 3          | 60 minutes each<br>(120 minutes) | 8:45 – 11:45                        |          |
|                                             |                       | Algebra/Geometry EOC session 2 | 90+ minutes                      | 8:45 – 11:15<br>(max until 1:00 pm) |          |
| May 17 <sup>th</sup>                        | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade | Biology EOC                    | 80+ minutes                      | 8:45 – 11:05<br>(max until 3:05 pm) | Carpool  |
| May 17 <sup>th</sup>                        | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade | Science sessions 1 and 2       | 160 minutes                      | 8:45 – 12:30 pm                     | Carpool  |

*Air Base K-8 Center for International Education*

12829 SW 272 Street, Homestead, Florida 33032 • 305-258-3676 • 305-258-7241 (FAX) • [www.airbasek8.net](http://www.airbasek8.net)



# Miami-Dade County Public Schools

*giving our students the world*

**Superintendent of Schools**  
Alberto M. Carvalho

**Miami-Dade County School Board**

Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair  
Dr. Steve Gallon III, Vice Chair  
Lucia Baez-Geller  
Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall  
Christi Fraga  
Dr. Lubby Navarro  
Dr. Marta Pérez  
Mari Tere Rojas  
Luisa Santos

**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).

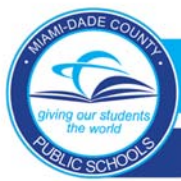
For information regarding session lengths for Spring 2021 assessments, please see the [2020–2021 Florida Statewide Grade-Level Assessments Fact Sheet](#).

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**— 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.**



# Miami-Dade County Public Schools

*giving our students the world*

**Superintendent of Schools**  
Alberto M. Carvalho

**Miami-Dade County School Board**

Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair  
Dr. Steve Gallon III, Vice Chair  
Lucia Baez-Geller  
Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall  
Christi Fraga  
Dr. Lubby Navarro  
Dr. Marta Pérez  
Mari Tere Rojas  
Luisa Santos

- **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](mailto:tscott1@dadeschools.net). For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at [www.FSAssessments.org](http://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,

Alonza Pendergrass, Principal  
Air Base K-8 Center for International Education  
12829 SW 272 Street  
Homestead, Florida 33032  
305-258-3676  
Cambridge Program  
Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction  
FL. Department of Education- Five Star School Award Seven Time Recipient