
STUART MIDDLE SCHOOL

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REMOTE LEARNER

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based Grade 7 and 8 ELA Writing/ELA Reading/Mathematics and/or Algebra 1/Civics/Geometry, on April 7, May 3,4,6,7 and/or 19.

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

Please drop off your child at 9:00am at the front office. Your child should bring their fully charged MSCD laptop (if they checked one out during the school year), pencil and a mask to wear while on campus. Once the assessment is completed, your child can either stay the rest of the school day or call to be picked up by a parent or guardian.

The tests your student is scheduled for are designed to be taken over two days (one session per day) to prevent testing fatigue (except for ELA Writing which is one session). However, in an effort to reduce the number of in-person testing days for your student, districts and schools have been granted permission by FDOE to offer the option of administering two sessions in the same day, with a break in between sessions. If you **do not** wish for your student to use this option, please contact Lori Desreuisseau at 772-219-1685.

For information regarding test session lengths and other information about the assessments, see the "About the Assessments" page on the portal: <https://fsassessments.org/florida-statewide-assessment-program.stml>.

Your student will have an opportunity to participate in a practice test to become familiar with the computer-based testing platform, item types, and response formats he or she will see on the assessment(s). If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <https://FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/computer-based-materials/index.stml>

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, his or her test will be invalidated. Students will be asked to turn off their cellphone and place it in their backpack in the front of the testing room during testing.
- **Calculator Policy**—For Grades 7 and 8 Mathematics, **approved calculators may be used during Sessions 2 and 3 only**. For Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments, **approved calculators may be used during Session 2 only**. If students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated. For Biology 1 EOC, a handheld four-function calculator will be provided.
- **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

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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 books.

- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students 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.**
- **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**—Please contact the school to discuss any other testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, please contact Lori Desreuisseau at 772-219-1685. 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.

Sincerely,



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