



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Students enrolled in private schools through the Hope/Family Empowerment/Tax Credit Scholarships **MAY** choose to participate in the Spring 2023 administration of the **Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST), End of Course Exam (EOC), and/or the Statewide Science Assessment.**

**This testing is optional** and will be offered free of charge.

If you wish for your child to participate in any of these tests, you must complete the online registration form and submit it to **Thomas Allard, Private School/FES UA Administrator for Volusia County Schools**, **no later than Friday, March 31, 2023. Late registrations will not be accepted.** Once your student is registered, his/her student information will be verified, and the request disseminated to the appropriate home-zoned school. You will be required to call the school's testing coordinator to find out the days/times to bring your child in to test.

### Spring 2023 Testing Schedule

Testing Date or Window	Grade	Test	Computer or Paper-Based	Time	Additional Details
May 8-19	3-10	FAST ELA Reading	Computer-Based	90 min or up to full school day/1 day	Exact date varies by school
May 8-19	3-8	FAST Math	Computer-Based	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> = 80 min or up to full school day/1 day 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> = 100 min or up to full school day/1 day	Exact date varies by school
May 1-26	By Course	B.E.S.T. EOCs (Algebra 1 and Geometry)	Computer-Based	160 min or up to full school day/1 day	Exact date varies by school
May 1-26	By Course	NGSSS EOCs (Biology, Civics – middle school only, US History – high school only)	Computer-Based	160 min or up to full school day/1 day	Exact date varies by school
May 9 & 10	5	Statewide Science	Paper-Based	80 min/2 days	
May 9	8	Statewide Science	Paper-Based	160 min/1 day	

The parent of a private school scholarship student participating in the testing program is responsible for the following:

- ✓ **Complete online registration form by March 31, 2023.**
- ✓ **Provide transportation for your child to and from the school for each test day.**
- ✓ **Provide emergency contact information and any health concerns to school staff on each test day.**
- ✓ **Provide proof of student's identification- School photo ID, Government-issued ID, Passport, Fingerprint Card with Photo ID, Parent Driver's License (if the student does not have photo ID)**
- ✓ **Ensure that your child adheres to all school regulations, in particular, those related to the testing program.**
- ✓ **Notify the school in a timely manner if your child will be absent on any scheduled test day.**

**The deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup> for submitting the registration form must be met** so schools can plan for your student to test with them. Once you have submitted the registration form, you will need to call the school's testing coordinator to find out when and where to show up for testing. **It is your responsibility to contact the school and verify your child's specific testing details.** If your child requires special accommodations for instruction and will need accommodations for the test setting, such **accommodations must be requested in writing on the Test Registration Form, along with supporting documentation at the time of registration.** 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.

The table below notes which components of the FAST, Statewide Science Assessment, and EOC Assessments are administered at each grade level. The tests are available only to students in the grades listed. **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.

**Grade Levels Tested: FAST, Statewide Science Assessment, and EOC Assessments**

Test	Grade Level										
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
FAST ELA Reading				√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
FAST Mathematics				√	√	√	√	√	√		
Statewide Science Assessment						√			√		
Algebra 1 EOC Assessment	Algebra 1 or Equivalent Course										
Biology 1 EOC Assessment	Biology 1 or Equivalent Course										
Civics EOC Assessment	Civics or Equivalent Course (Middle School)										
Geometry EOC Assessment	Geometry or Equivalent Course										
US History EOC Assessment	US History or Equivalent Course (High School)										

**Note: Due to limited resources, you will be given a specific day and time to take the test within the testing window at your zoned school. If the student is not present on the assigned day, rescheduling will be available at the school's discretion.**

Sample Tests are offered on the Florida Assessments Statewide Portal. Sample Tests are not required but they will help your student become familiar with the tools available in the platform and with navigating through the online test.

The Sample Tests are located at: <https://flfast.org/families.html>

When student score reports are received from the Florida Department of Education we will send them to you at the address listed on the contact form.

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For more information regarding the Florida Department of Education's K-12 Student Assessment Program, please visit <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment>.