

April 14, 2021

## START HERE, GO EVERYWHERE.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to remind you that your student will take the Florida State Assessments (FSA) in the coming weeks, per State Statute. These assessments will be administered over several days. As a Lee Home Connect family we are asking that your student participate in these state required assessments. Per the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments. The assessment will be conducted at your student's assigned brick-and-mortar.

Test Date	Assessment	Location
April 20 and 21, 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: ELA Reading	Room 209
April 22, 2021	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades: ELA Writing	Portable 2 (4 <sup>th</sup> )/ Room 209 (5 <sup>th</sup> )
May 11 and 12, 2021	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades: ELA Reading	Portable 2 (4 <sup>th</sup> )/ Room 209 (5 <sup>th</sup> )
May 17 and 18, 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: Math	Room 209
May 19 and 20, 2021	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades: Math	Portable 2 (4 <sup>th</sup> )/ Room 209 (5 <sup>th</sup> )
May 25 and 26, 2021	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade: Science	Room 209

## Instructions for Test Days:

Prior to arriving on campus, please confirm that your student has not exhibited any COVID symptoms. Your student will need to wear a mask while in the school.

- On the days of your child's testing, **drop off is between the hours of 7:45 8:15 a.m. using the**<u>back car line.</u> Student should report to the testing room listed above. Staff will be available to assist students in finding the location. Testing will begin promptly at 8:45 a.m.
- Your child should bring a bottled water and a snack. Please leave all electronics at home.
- Students should have a solid breakfast on test days, with breakfast available for purchase from our school cafeteria if you so choose (please arrive by 8:00 if this is the case).
- Pick up will be <u>at the front</u> of the school at 11:30 a.m. On the first day of testing, please show your driver's license and a parent pick-up card will be given to you for all future pick-ups.

If your child is absent on any of the scheduled test dates, you will be contacted to schedule a make-up date. Your student will not receive a score if all sections of the assessment are not completed. If you have any questions about testing administration or testing dates, please contact our testing coordinator, Amy Ursitti, at (239) 283-4511, x355.

Thank you for supporting your child and encouraging your student to do their best during our Spring 2021 assessments.

Sincerely,

Kevin Brown

Principal















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.
- Calculators—Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3 6 Mathematics tests. If students have handheld calculators during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- 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 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, the Florida Department
  of Education (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), please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.