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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA), the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) assessments, the Science Standards Assessment (SSA), and End-of-Course (EOC) exams on specific days according to grade and coursework (See **Testing Summary Document** attached). 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 assessments. 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>

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2018 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at <https://fsassessments.org>, click on the **Students and Families** icon, select the **Frequently Asked Questions** card, then select the question: "How long are the tests?"

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** 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** – For grades 7 and 8 Mathematics, **approved calculators may be used during Sessions 2 and 3 only**. For EOC assessments, **approved calculators may be used during Session 2 only**. If students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated. Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3-6 Mathematics tests.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgement** – All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgement 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 the students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement on their planning sheets, worksheets, or work folders.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing** – The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgement states: "Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test items or passages after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting,

emailing, or posting online, for example, on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram.” Please make sure your student understands that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to blogs or social media websites, etc. **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 (for lunch, an appointment, or illness, etc.), 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 Individualized Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL), please contact the school to discuss any testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions, you may contact Ms. Deborah Torres, Assistant Principal, to discuss questions or concerns.

For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA portal at <https://fsassessments.org>.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rena Tornopsky  
Principal

## 2018 SPRING ASSESSMENTS SUMMARY SCHEDULE FRANKLIN ACADEMY – BOYNTON BEACH

### ELEMENTARY

DATES	GRADE LEVEL/SUBJECT AREA
APRIL 10	GRADE 3 Reading (paper-based) Session 1
APRIL 11	GRADE 3 Reading (paper-based) Session 2
APRIL 20	GRADE 5 Reading (computer-based) Session 1
APRIL 23	GRADE 5 Reading (computer-based) Session 2
APRIL 30	GRADE 4 Reading (computer-based) Session 1
MAY 1	GRADE 4 Reading (computer-based) Session 2
MAY 1	GRADE 5 Science (paper-based) Session 1
MAY 2	GRADE 5 Science (paper-based) Session 2
MAY 4	GRADE 3 Math (computer-based) Session 1
MAY 7	GRADE 3 Math (computer-based) Session 2
MAY 10	GRADE 4 Math (computer-based) Session 1
MAY 10	GRADE 5 Math (computer-based) Session 1
MAY 11	GRADE 4 Math (computer-based) Session 2
MAY 11	GRADE 5 Math (computer-based) Session 2

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

DATES	ROTATION	GRADE LEVEL/SUBJECT AREA
APRIL 16		GRADE 7 Math (computer-based) Session 1
APRIL 17		GRADE 7 Math (computer-based) Session 2 & 3
APRIL 18		GRADE 8 Reading (computer-based) Session 1
APRIL 19		GRADE 8 Reading (computer-based) Session 2
APRIL 24		GRADE 7 Reading (computer-based) Session 1
APRIL 25		GRADE 7 Reading (computer-based) Session 2
APRIL 26		GRADE 6 Reading (computer-based) Session 1
APRIL 27		GRADE 6 Reading (computer-based) Session 2
MAY 1		GRADE 8 Science (paper-based) Session 1 & 2
MAY 2		GRADE 8 Math (computer-based) Session 1
MAY 3		GRADE 8 Math (computer-based) Session 2 & 3
MAY 7		GRADE 8 Biology EOC (computer-based)
MAY 8		GRADE 6 Math (computer-based) Session 1
MAY 9		GRADE 6 Math (computer-based) Session 2 & 3
MAY 14		GRADE 7 Civics EOC (computer-based)
MAY 15		GRADE 7-8 Algebra I EOC (computer-based) Session 1
MAY 15		GRADE 7-8 Geometry EOC (computer-based) Session 1
MAY 16		GRADE 7-8 Algebra I EOC (computer-based) Session 2
MAY 16		GRADE 7-8 Geometry EOC (computer-based) Session 2

## **Important**

- Daily schedules are subject to change, due to testing, if needed.
- Paper-based Testing (PBT) Accommodation materials are due earlier to the state for processing, and therefore, may differ from the regular computer-based testing (CBT) dates. Students receiving these special documents may be assessed earlier than the CBT schedule shows.
  - Reading and Mathematics deadline for PBT is May 1, 2018.
  - Algebra I and Geometry deadline for PBT is May 1, 2018.
  - Civics deadline for PBT is May 15, 2018.
- Parents are asked to reschedule any appointments that might conflict with the above schedule (check the specific dates for grade-level assessments).
- Parents who drive their child to school should arrive no later than 7:30am for Elementary and 8:30am for Middle School on TESTING DAYS. If a student shows up late, they will not be able to enter the testing room and will make up the test on an alternate make-up day.

## **Mark Your Calendars! Specific Grade-Level Assessments**

### ***Grade 3 Assessment Days***

Reading – April 10 & 11

Mathematics – May 4 & 7

### ***Grade 4 Assessment Days***

Reading – April 30 & May 1

Mathematics – May 10 & 11

### ***Grade 5 Assessment Days***

Reading – April 20 & 23

Mathematics – May 10 & 11

Science – May 1 & 2

### ***Grade 6 Assessment Days***

Reading – April 26 & 27

Mathematics – May 8 & 9

### ***Grade 7 Assessment Days***

Reading – April 24 & 25

Mathematics – April 16 & 17

Civics EOC – April 14

### ***Grade 8 Assessment Days***

Reading – April 18 & 19

Mathematics – May 2 & 3

Alg. I EOC – April 15 & 16

Geometry EOC – April 15 & 16

Science – May 1