

New Smyrna Beach High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based Grade 9 or 10 FSA ELA Writing/ELA Reading test in the coming months. They may also be taking the Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC, Biology EOC or US History EOC depending upon the courses they are taking this year.

The 9th and 10th FSA Writing assessment is being held April 5th - April 8th. Notification letters will be sent out to students after Spring Break. The FSA ELA Reading assessments, along with the remaining EOC assessments will begin May 3rd. A complete list of tests/dates can be found at NSBHIGH.com. May testing can be found on the back of this letter.

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

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**—No 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.
* **Calculator Policy**—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 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 clicking a checkbox beside the statement in the secure browser.
* **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they affirm 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. Students’ 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. Croak, the Testing Coordinator at 424-2555 ext. 38585 or at dlcroak@volusia.k12.fl.us. 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.

Sincerely,

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Administrative TOA – Testing

**NSBHS May testing schedule.**

**How do we keep you informed?**

* **Testing notification letters (date and testing room location) are sent through student’s first period teacher, or the first teacher student has for the day.**
* **School messages via phone sent home multiple times prior to test (make sure contact information is correct.)**
* **Emails sent to all students via their school email addresses.**
* **Letters sent home to students who have no classes on campus (as well as email and school message)**
* **Live students contacted by email and school message home.**
* **Daily announcements provide students with current testing information.**
* **Go to NSBHIGH.com, click on academics and then standardized testing to find info on all tests and dates.**

***Please encourage your student to attend testing on their scheduled dates*.**

**5/3 – 5/6: FSA ELA Reading session 1 and 2 - 9th grade**

**5/7 and 5/10: FSA ELA Reading session 1 and 2 – 10th grade**

**5/11-5/12: Alg 1 EOC session 1 and 2**

**5/13 – 5/14: Geometry session 1 and 2**

**5/17: Biology EOC**

**5/18: US History**

**5/19 – 5/20: Algebra 1 EOC (ESE)**