

MEIGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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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) Grade 6, 7, or 8 ELA Writing/ELA Reading/Mathematics and/or Algebra 1/Geometry End-of-Course (EOC) assessment(s), Grade 7 students will also take the Civics EOC and Grade 8 will also take the NGSSS Science. Please refer to attached school schedule for dates your student will be testing. Your student will have had an opportunity to participate in a practice test to become familiar with the testing format, item types, and response formats he or she will see on the FSA assessments, EOCs, and/or Science assessments.

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2018 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at www.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** 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**—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. For Algebra and Geometry EOCs **approved calculators may be used during session 2 only**.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA 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 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 Acknowledgment 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.

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- **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.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Ms. Barrow at 833-4301.

For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA Portal at www.FSAssessments.org.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Heck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Standardized Assessment Schedule

6th grade students

April 2 nd , 2019	FSA Writing	Paper Based
May 1 st & 2 nd , 2019	FSA Reading	Paper Based
May 7 th & 8 th , 2019	FSA Math*	Paper Based

*6th grade students in 7th grade advanced math test will test May 7th & 8th.

7th grade students

April 2 nd , 2019	FSA Writing	Computer based
May 1 st & 2 nd , 2019	FSA Reading (students will need to bring earbuds or headphones)	Computer based
May 7 th & 8 th , 2019	FSA Math*	Computer based
May 16 th , 2019	Civics EOC	Computer based

*7th grade students enrolled in Algebra I Honors will not test on April 26-27. See high school courses chart below for testing dates for the Algebra EOC.

8th grade students

April 3 rd , 2019	FSA Writing	Computer based
May 3 rd & 6 th , 2019	FSA Reading (students will need to bring earbuds or headphones)	Computer based
May 9 th , 2019	Science	Paper based
May 13 th & 14 th , 2019	FSA Math*	Computer based

*8th grade students enrolled in Algebra I Honors or Geometry Honors will not test on May 13th & 14th. See high school courses chart below for testing dates for the Algebra or Geometry EOC.

High School Courses

May 20 th & 21 st , 2019	Algebra I EOC	Computer based
May 20 th & 21 st , 2019	Geometry EOC	Computer based