



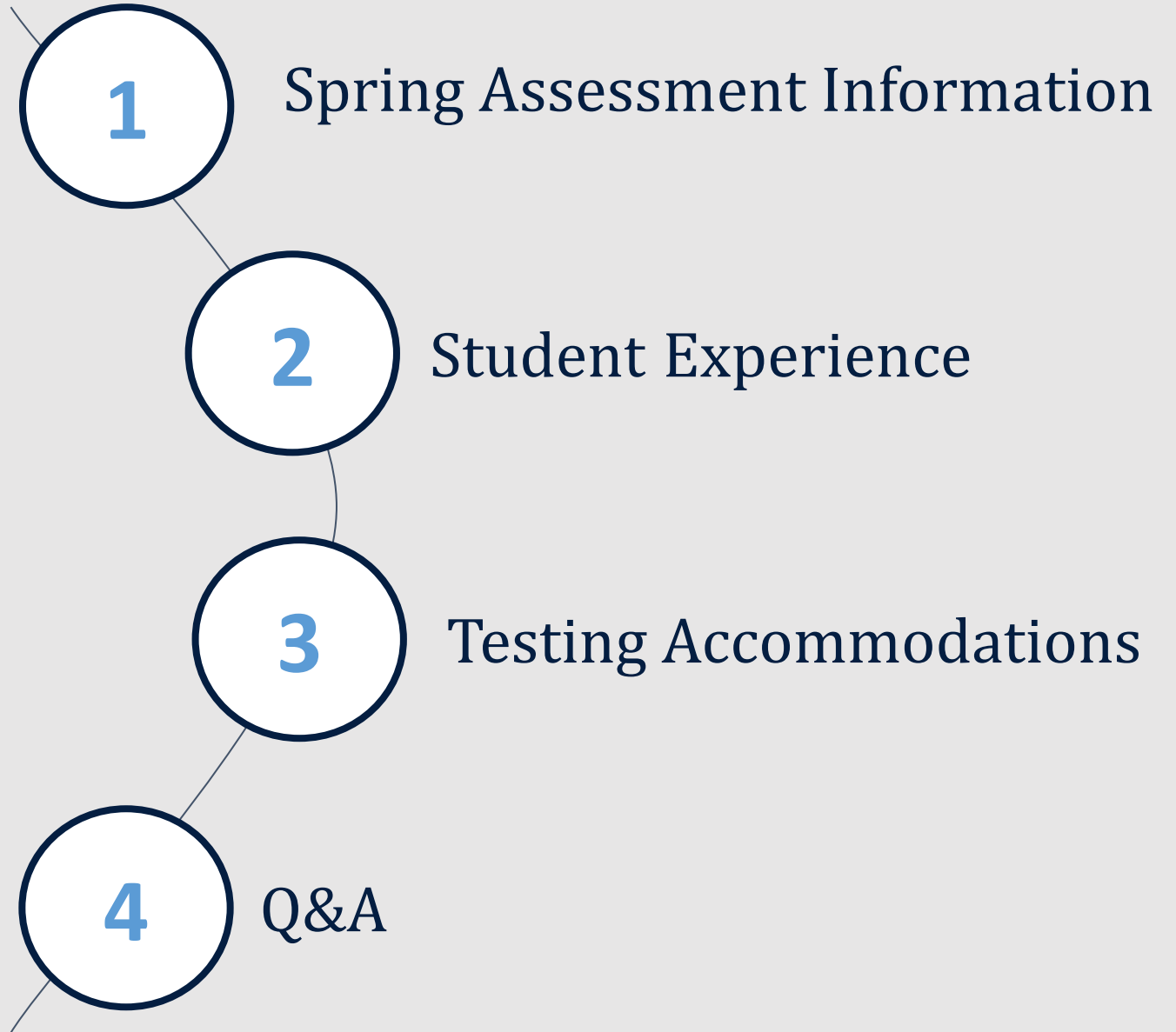
# Spring 2023 Family Assessment Night

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## Killarney Elementary

## **Purpose:**

To empower families to have confidence in their understanding of spring state assessments by providing relevant information and support resources



# Spring Assessment Information

## ● Why

Why is it important for my child?

## ● What

What are the spring state assessments?

## ● Who

Who takes the assessments?

## ● When

When do the assessments take place?

## ● How

How can students prepare for testing?



# Helpful Information

ELA = English and Language Arts (Reading)

PM3 = Progress Monitoring 3

FAST = Florida Assessment for Student Thinking





**Why is it important for my child?**

# Student Scores

Help parents and educators determine the best way to serve each student

Ensure that students have learned the appropriate content

Fulfill graduation requirements for specific high school courses

Support student promotion in specific grades

# Student Scores

## Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)

- Students in the 3rd grade:  
Must achieve a **Level 2** or higher on the ELA Reading PM3 to be promoted to grade 4\*

\*Students may be promoted with a good cause exemption. If you have questions or concerns about cause exemptions reach out to the administration team.

### How to Access State Assessment Scores in Skyward Parent Portal

Use this document to access your child's scores from the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) and various other statewide assessments.

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#### OCPS Homepage

Visit the OCPS Homepage at [www.ocps.net](http://www.ocps.net) and use the Quick Links (half way down the page) to access the Parent Portal.



#### OCPS Parent Portal

Sign into your parent account using either your email or phone number and your password. If you do not have an account, select Setup and follow the guide.

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#### Skyward (Parents)

Select the Skyward (Parents) button on your Launchpad Dashboard. If you have multiple children, make sure you select which child you wish to view.



#### District Links

Locate the District Links in the upper right-hand corner of the page. When you click it, the District Links will drop down. Select State Assessment Scores.

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#### State Assessment Scores

In the Family Portal, you can view your child's performance on each state test for the current school year as well as previous years.



[tinyurl.com/OCPSAFR](http://tinyurl.com/OCPSAFR)





**What are the spring state assessments?**

# Florida Assessment for Student Thinking (FAST)

## Type of Assessment

**Computer adaptive assessment**  
administered through either Renaissance or the state Test Delivery System

## Purpose

Measures student mastery of the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) standards

## Session(s)

Administered in one session ranging from 100-120 minutes  
Students may continue working for up to the length of a typical school day, if needed

# Statewide Science Assessment (SSA)

## Type of Assessment

Paper-based assessment that is delivered to each school from the Florida Department of Education

## Purpose

Measures student mastery of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) in science

## Session(s)

Administered in two 80-minute sessions

Students may continue working for up to the length of a typical school day, if needed

**Who takes the assessments?**

# Assessments by Grade Level

	VPK-2	3-5	6-8	High School
<b>FAST Star Early Literacy</b>	Grades VPK-1			
<b>FAST Reading</b>	Grades K-10			
<b>FAST Math</b>	Grades K-8			
<b>Statewide Science</b>		Grade 5	Grade 8	
<b>End of Course (EOC) Assessments</b>		Grade 5 Health, P.E., Music, Art, and Gifted	Civics, Algebra, Geometry	Biology, Algebra, Geometry, and US History



# Grades VPK-2

## VPK

Star Early Literacy

## Kindergarten

Star Early Literacy or  
Star Reading<sup>1</sup>

Star Math

## 1st Grade

Star Early Literacy or  
Star Reading<sup>1</sup>

Star Math

## 2nd Grade

Star Reading

Star Math

**[1]** Students will take Star Reading if they have demonstrated success on the Star Early Literacy Assessment with a score of 852 or higher. By the final assessment of 1st grade all students will have moved to Star Reading.

## Additional Information

Assessment	# of Items	Time <sup>2</sup>	Frequency
Star Early Literacy	27 items	average of 10-20 minutes	3 times per year
Star Reading	34 items	average of 15-20 minutes	3 times per year
Star Math	34 items	average of 20-30 minutes	3 times per year

**[2]** Due to the adaptive nature of this assessment, time will vary by student.



# Grades 3-5

## 3rd Grade

FAST ELA  
FAST Mathematics

## 4th Grade

FAST ELA  
FAST Mathematics

## 5th Grade

FAST ELA  
FAST Mathematics  
SSA<sup>1</sup>

[1] The Statewide Science Assessment is given over two days with one 80 minute session per day.

Assessment	# of Items	Time	Frequency
FAST English Language Arts (ELA)	27 items	PM1 - 90 minutes PM 2 - 90 minutes PM 3 - 120 minutes	3 times per year
FAST Mathematics	34 items	PM1 - 80 minutes PM 2 - 80 minutes PM 3 - 100 minutes	3 times per year
Statewide Science Assessment (SSA)	60-66 items	Two 80 minute <sup>1</sup> sessions	1 time per year

**When do the assessments take place?**





# School-wide Testing Schedule

ELA 3-5: 5/2/23

Math 3-5: 5/3/23

Science (5th): 5/8/23 and 5/9/23

VPK: 4/27 Star Early Literacy

K-2: 5/4/23 Star Early Literacy **or** reading

K-2: 5/5/23 Star Mathematics

# K-2 Testing Dates

**4/27/2023**

VPK  
Star Early Literacy

**5/4/2023**

Grades K-2 FAST  
Star Early Literacy **or** Reading

**5/5/2023**

Grades K-2 FAST  
Star Mathematics

May 2023				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29				

**The state testing makeup window is available until May 26th.**

# 3-5 Testing Dates

**5/2/2023**

Grades 3-5 FAST  
ELA Reading

**5/3/2023**

Grades 3-5 FAST  
Mathematics

**5/8 & 5/9**

Grade 5  
Statewide Science

**5/15 - 5/18**

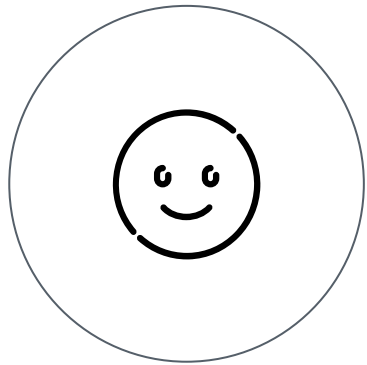
Grade 5  
CFE's: Health, P.E., Music, Art

May 2023				
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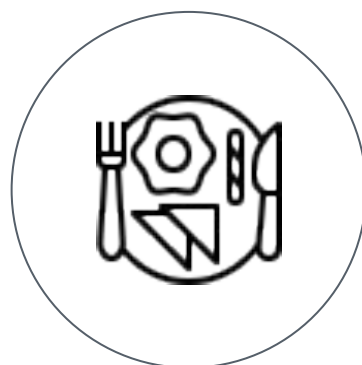
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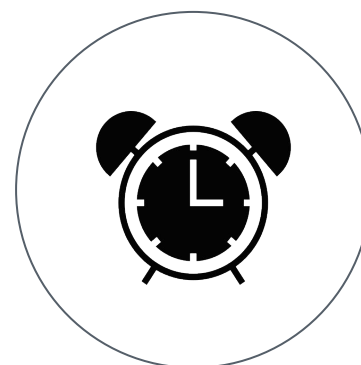
**Encouragement**



**Sleep**



**Breakfast**



**Attendance**

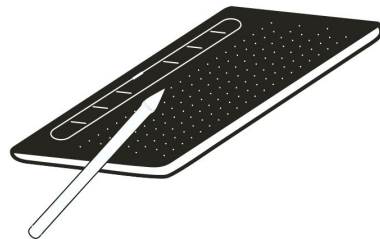
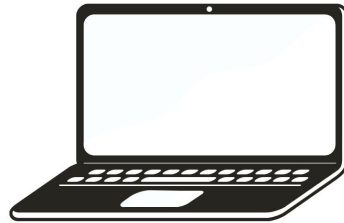


**Mindset**

# Preparation Tips: Technology

## Laptops/Tablets

Killarney Elementary keeps the devices at school. Just remind your student that they will be working with their computers for testing and instill confidence.



## Shut Down

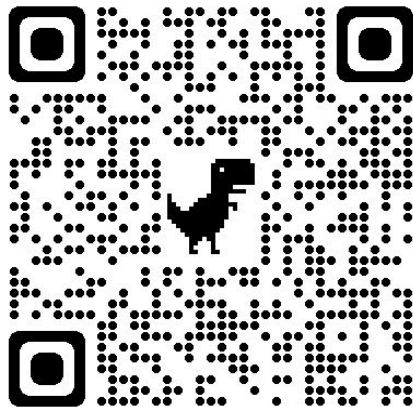
The day before testing, shut down and power off your device. This must be done prior to testing and can use up time the morning of testing.

## Power Cords and Charging

The day before testing, make sure your device is fully plugged in to keep devices fully charged.

# FAST Portal

Families can visit the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal and learn more about the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) and access resources.



## Family Resources Available in the FAST Portal

Use this document to access the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal and learn more about the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST).

### Florida Assessments Portal

Visit the Students and Families Portal at [ffast.org/families.html](http://ffast.org/families.html) to view general resources about the FAST testing.



View Sample Items for VPK-2

### VPK-2 Sample Items

Select this tile to access sample items for Star Early Literacy, Reading and Math tests. Each document is sorted by grade level.

### Grades 3-10 Sample Items

Select this tile to access the practice site. This will allow students and families to take a sample test to become familiar with the testing platform.



Take a Sample Test for Grades 3-10

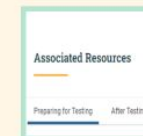
### Resources for Families

This section contains information to help families better understand what the FAST test is and why students are taking the test.



### Associated Resources


In this section, families can review guides on topics such as; graduation requirements, accommodations and parent reports.



# Sample Items: Grades K-2

RENAISSANCE  
**Star Early Literacy**  
Grade: K

3 Jessica Meyer Stop Test



**Script:** "Listen carefully. The pictures are barn, gate, calf. Pick the picture that has the same beginning sound as camp . . . camp."

RENAISSANCE  
**Star Reading**  
Grade: 1

13/35 Jake Albertson Stop Test

Odell and Luis are friends. They like to play games. But they don't like the same games. Odell likes outside games that make you run. Luis likes games you can play in the house.

What does Odell like to do?

- 1 play games outside
- 2 make new friends
- 3 help his friend play games

Next

RENAISSANCE  
**Star Math**  
Grade: 2

1/35 Jessica Montero Stop Test

Peter and Henry went to the library. They brought home many books.

	Number of Books
Peter	
Henry	

How many **fewer** books did Henry bring home?

- A 5 fewer books
- B 4 fewer books
- C 9 fewer books

Next



# Sample Tests: Grades 3-5

Online sample tests are available on the FAST portal for the following grades and subjects:

- Grades 3-10 FAST English Language Arts Reading
- Grades 4-10 FAST B.E.S.T. Writing
- Grades 3-10 FAST Mathematics

## Family Tip

Review the sample items and sample tests to familiarize students with the types of questions they will see on the assessment

# Student Experience



# Testing Rules

**Students will be read these testing rules during test administration:**

- You may not have a cell phone during testing.
- Do not talk to other students or make any disturbance.
- Do not look at another student's test materials.
- Do not ask for or provide help in answering any test questions.
- Use only approved materials for taking notes.
- Do not discuss specific test items after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites.

If a student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.

# Electronic Devices

The only device permitted during testing is the school-issued device used to take the assessment.

Students are not permitted to have any other electronic devices, including but not limited to, **cell phones, smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, and cameras** at any time during testing or during breaks, even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them.

Possession of such devices is cause for **invalidation**.



# Testing Materials



Calculators **are not** permitted  
for grades 3-5 FAST  
Mathematics



Calculators **are** available for the following assessments:

- Grade 6 FAST Mathematics (*four-function*)
- Grades 7 and 8 FAST Mathematics (*scientific*)
- Grade 8 Science (*four-function*)
- Biology EOC (*four-function*)
- Algebra and Geometry EOC (*scientific*)

# Testing Materials

Reference sheets **are not** available for Grade 3 FAST Mathematics.

Reference sheets **are** available for Grades 4-8 FAST Mathematics, Algebra 1 and Geometry.

## Family Tip

Make sure your child feels comfortable using these assessment materials and tools prior to testing days

# K-2 Introduction Videos

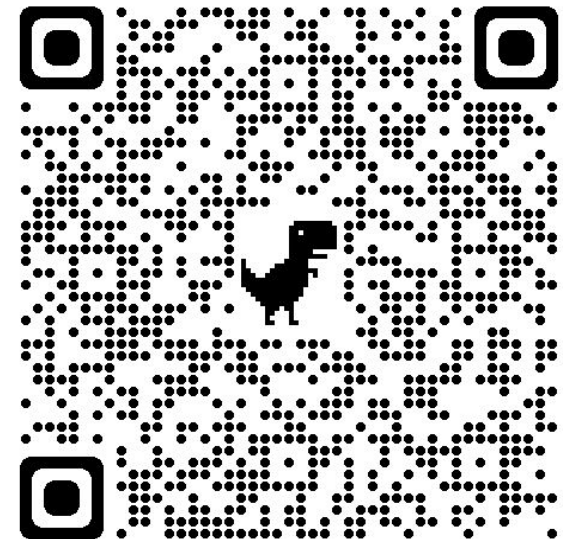
Computer



Family Tip

View the video with your child to review how to use the testing platform prior to the testing day.

Tablet



# School Specific Information

**If the student is late, they will not be able to test that day.**

**Phones must be OFF and in backpacks**

**No smart watch or electronic devices (tablet, etc)**

**Lunch is adjusted on testing days for 3rd and 4th grade only**

3-5 ELA makeup: Will be Thursday or Friday, the 4th or 5th

If you get sick DURING the test:

You allowed to pause, not submit your test, and may finish later without working on earlier questions.

Students won't miss important instruction during testing dates, but makeup testing WILL take priority and students will makeup testing during class time.



# Testing Accommodations

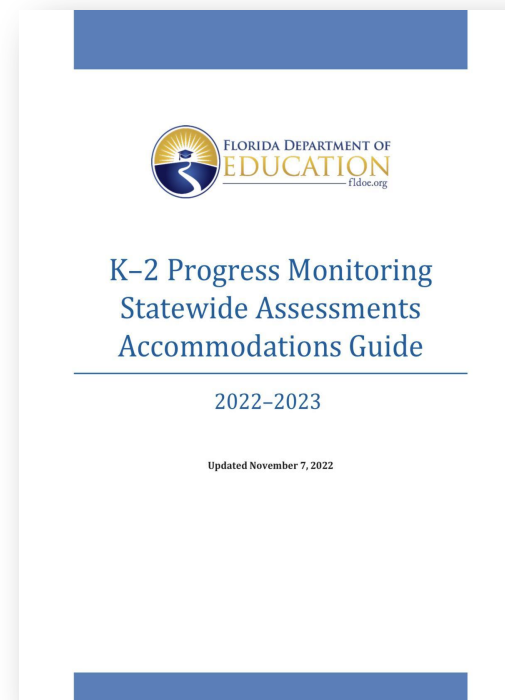


# Testing Accommodations

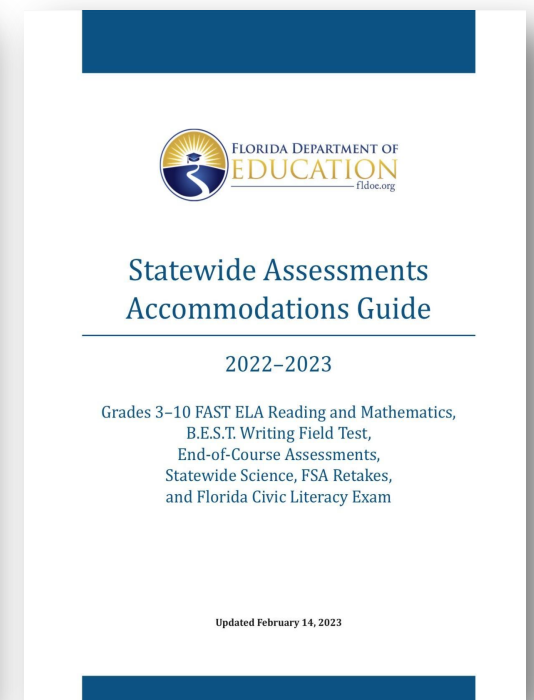
2022–2023 Statewide Assessments Accommodations Guides provide information concerning allowable accommodations for:

- Students with disabilities (Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504)
- Students who are identified as English Language Learners (ELL)
- Students who are identified as recently exited ELLs
- *ESE students tested separately as a small group*

Grades K-2



Grades 3-10



# Testing Accommodation Tips

Review your child's IEP, 504 plan or ELL status to become familiar with the accommodations your child will be offered during testing.

Make sure that your child feels comfortable with their accommodations. If you or your child have questions about the accommodations your student will receive on test day, contact the testing coordinator.

Encourage your child to use the accommodations available to them while taking state assessments.

# Q & A



# Family Assessment Night Feedback Form

Please take a moment to complete our feedback survey using the QR code below.

*Thank You*

