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## **PIZZO K-8**

### **Home of the Bulls**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based Grades 7/8 ELA Writing/Reading/Mathematics or Algebra 1 EOC and the Civics End-of-Course (EOC) assessment(s) on the following administration dates:

FSA Writes – Tuesday, April 6 – **Pick up at 10:15am**

ELA Reading – Monday, May 3 (Part 1) & Tuesday, May 4 (Part 2) – **Pick up at 10am**

Civics EOC (7<sup>th</sup> grade only) – Tuesday, May 18 – **Pick up at 11:05am**

Mathematics – Tuesday, May 11 (Part 1) **Pick up at 9:15am** & Wednesday, May 12 (Parts 2 & 3) **Pick up at 10:15am**

Algebra EOC – Tuesday, May 11 (Part 1) & Wednesday, May 12 (Part 2) – **Pick up at 10am**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade students will also be taking the following Paper Based Assessment on the following date:**

Science – Wednesday, May 19 (Parts 1 & 2) – **Pick up at 11:05am**

Per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments. As a result, all students enrolled in E-Learning will need to be dropped off in front of the Patel Main Office by 7:30am and picked up at the conclusion of the appropriate assessment (times will differ based off the assessment).

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/has had] 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>.

The Grade 8 Statewide Science Assessment consists of two 80-minute paper-based test sessions administered in one day. If you or your student would like to gain familiarity with the item types and response formats your student will see on his or her Statewide Science Assessment, sample questions and answer keys are available at <https://FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-materials/paper-based-practice-test-materials.stml>.

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 during testing, his or her test will be invalidated. [Insert local procedures for securing cell phones during testing.]
- **Calculators**— For Grades 7 and 8 Mathematics, approved calculators may be used during Sessions 2 and 3 only. For Algebra 1, approved calculators may be used during Session 2 only. If students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated. Four-function calculators will be provided to students for Grade 8 Science at the time of testing.
- **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 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 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. 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) 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 Brad Brooks at 813-987-6500 ext.270. For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the FDOE website at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment>.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during Spring 2021 assessments.

Sincerely,

Amber Cronin  
Principal