

## Pasco High School <u>Preparing All Students for Challenging Opportunities</u>

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We realize that this year has been challenging for many families and, because of those challenges, some students were unable to attend all of the required State testing in April and May. We are pleased to announce that during the week of June 1-4, 2021 we are providing an additional testing opportunity for students <u>in seventh through eleventh</u> <u>grades</u>. The State's testing window for grades three through sixth will be closed and only seventh through tenth-graders may participate in June. This testing week is after school is out and the large number of students who are typically on campus will be gone.

Please see the attached schedule for the dates and times of each test. The schedule is broken down by grade level. However, not all students in each grade level will participate in all of the tests indicated for that grade level. For example, not all 9<sup>th</sup> graders were enrolled in Biology during this school year. Only students who were enrolled in Biology would take the Biology EOC. If you have questions about which test your child needs, please contact your child's school.

Testing will start promptly at the times indicated on the schedule and students who are late will not be permitted to attend. Please have your child on campus no <u>earlier</u> than 15 minutes before testing and no <u>later</u> than 5 minutes before testing. Once on campus, students should report immediately to their testing room. Transportation will not be provided.

We encourage you to send your child with a non-refrigerated lunch and drink. Food and drink are not permitted in the testing rooms but, on most days, students will have a break between tests sessions and will have an opportunity to eat.

Prior to bringing your student for testing, please read the following page for additional testing information provided by the State.

If your child needs to participate in this make up opportunity, you must register by completing the <u>survey found at</u> this link. The deadline to register is May 26, 2021.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, please contact Lorraine Boise at lboise@pasco.k12.fl.us. For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at <u>www.FSAssessments.org</u>.

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

Sincerely,

Kari Kadlub

Principal

## 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: <u>https://fsassessments.org/florida-statewide-assessment-program.stml</u>.

All students are required 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). Please ensure that you and your child review the computer-based practice test(s) at home. The practice tests and answer keys are available at <a href="https://FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/computer-based-materials/index.stml">https://FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/computer-based-materials/index.stml</a>.

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.

• Calculator Policy— For Grades 7 and 8 Mathematics, approved calculators may be used during Sessions 2 and 3 only. 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 may be used only if the school provides all students with a handheld four-function calculator.

• **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.