



Informational Night

Grades 3-8

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY

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What are the FAST Assessments?

- Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year.
- Information from the assessment is used to drive student instruction and course recommendations (Middle School)
- End-of-Course (EOC) assessments are not part of FAST.

When are the **FAST Assessments**/End-of-Course Exams?

Grade	Subject	Date	Session Duration	Number of Sessions	Delivery Method
Grades 3-5	3 rd Reading	May 1 st	120 min.	1	Computer-Based (CBT)
	4 th Reading	May 2 nd	120 min.	1	
	5 th Reading	May 5 th	120 min.	1	
Grades 3-5	3 rd Math	May 8 th	100 min.	1	Computer-Based (CBT)
	4 th Math	May 9 th	100 min.	1	
	5 th Math	May 12 th	100 min.	1	
	5 th Science	May 15 th & May 16 th	80 min.	2 (Paper-Based)	
Middle School	CIVICS EOC	May 1 st	160 min.	1	Computer-Based (CBT)
	ELA Reading	May 4 th	120 min.	1	
	Math	May 11 th	120 min.	1	
	8 th Grade Science	May 15 th	80 min.	2 <small>*Sessions 1 and 2 on the same day</small>	Paper-Based (PBT)
High School Credit Course	Algebra 1 EOC	May 18 th	160 min.	1	Computer-Based (CBT)
	Geometry EOC	May 18 th	160 min.	1	

ELA Writing

- In 2022–23, Writing will be administered as a field test to a representative sample of Florida students during the spring 2023 administration.
- **PVA will not be participating this year.**
- The first operational Writing Assessment will be administered in Spring 2024.

****Grade 3 ELA****

- Per F.S. 1008.22(5)(b), **to be promoted** to grade 4, a student **must score a Level 2 or higher** on the Grade 3 ELA.
- Students who score a Level 1 on ELA **may qualify for a good cause exemption** for promotion to Grade 4 per Florida State Board Rule 6A-1.094221(1)(A), F.A.C.

Grade 3 ELA

➤ 'Good Cause' Exemption Examples...

- Passing score on STAR reading assessment
- Passing score on SAT 10 by end of the school year
- Passing score on SAT 10 following district's **Summer Reading Program**
- Student portfolio of 3rd grade 'mini assessments' demonstrating proficiency

Parent Resource Link:

[PROMOTION TO GRADE 4, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DOC.](#)

Test Item Types: ELA

- Multiple Choice
- Editing Task Choice
- Selectable Hot Text
- Multi-Select
- Multi-Part, Evidence-Based Selected Response
- Table Match
- Multimedia (audio clips, slideshows, animations)

Test Design Summary and Blueprint: FAST Grade 3-8 ELA Reading Benchmarks Coverage

Reporting Category	Benchmarks Assessed		% of Test
Reading Prose and Poetry	Literary Elements	ELA.3-8.R.1.1	25-35%
	Theme	ELA.3-8.R.1.2	
	Perspective and Point of View	ELA.3-8.R.1.3	
	Poetry	ELA.3-8.R.1.4	
Reading Informational Text	Structure	ELA.3-8.R.2.1	25-35%
	Central Idea	ELA.3-8.R.2.2	
	Purpose and Perspective	ELA.3-8.R.2.3	
	Argument	ELA.3-8.R.2.4	
Reading Across Genres & Vocabulary	Interpreting Figurative Language	ELA.3-8.R.3.1	35-50%
	Paraphrasing and Summarizing	ELA.3-8.R.3.2	
	Comparative Reading	ELA.3-8.R.3.3	
	Morphology	ELA.3-8.V.1.2	
	Context and Connotation	ELA.3-8.V.1.3	
Total Number of Items			36-40

Test Item Types: Math

- Multiple Choice
- Editing Task Choice
- Open Response
- Multi-Select
- Graphic Response Item Display (GRID)
- Table Match
- Equation Editor
- Table Item

The Test Design Summary and Blueprint for Mathematics is different for each grade level.

Please follow the link below to find the Test Design Summary and Blueprint for each grade level:

[Test Design Summary and Blueprint:
FAST Grade 3-8 Mathematics, Algebra, Geometry Benchmarks Coverage](#)

Middle School Civics EOC

- Civics EOC –
 - One 160-minute session*
 - *Students who are still working at the end of the allotted time for the session may continue working up to the length of a typical school day

MS Civics EOC Concepts Tested

Concept	Percentage Points by Category
Origins and Purposes of Law and Government	25%
Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of Citizens	25%
Government Policies and Political Processes	25%
Organization and Function of Government	25%

Statewide Science Assessment (SSA) – 5th & 8th Grade ONLY


- **Grade 5 Science sessions are administered over two days.**
 - Two 80-minute sessions
 - Paper-Based
- **Grade 8 Science sessions are administered in one day.**
 - Two 80-minute sessions
 - Paper-Based

Statewide Science Assessment Content Categories:

Grade	Nature of Science	Earth and Space Science	Physical Science	Life Science
5	17%	29%	29%	25%
8	19%	27%	27%	27%

FAST Scores and Performance Levels

- Students will receive a Scaled Score (SS): These levels are from the 21-22 performance scale. New achievement levels for F.A.S.T. will be available after Summer 2023.
- This last administration will provide a summative score that will accurately measure student mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards at the end of the school year.
- ***Scores are expected to be uploaded into the F.A.S.T portal within one week of testing. Level 3 indicates on-grade-level performance.***



1	2	3	4	5
Inadequate:	Below Satisfactory:	On-Grade-Level:	Proficient:	Mastery:
Highly likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course	Likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course	May need additional support for the next grade/course	Likely to excel in the next grade/course	Highly likely to excel in the next grade/course

**Please follow the link below to learn more
about the FAST Score Reports:**

**Understanding FAST Grades
3–10 ELA and Mathematics
Reports for Families**

How are FAST Results Used?

- FAST results are used as an accountability tool for Districts and School Grades
- FAST results provide teachers and schools with additional information about each student's proficiencies.
- Results are used **IN ADDITION TO** teacher observations and performance throughout the year in making determinations of student strengths and areas of opportunity, as well as course placement.

How do we help your student prepare?

- Challenging & viable curriculum aligned to tested standards, delivered by highly qualified educator
- Use of research-based textbooks
- **PLC's**
- Common assessments and practice tests to set format and content expectations
- Frequent progress monitoring and data disaggregation
- Interventions supporting students who have learning gaps
- Small group, differentiated instruction
- Support Facilitation



How can you help your student prepare?

- Help your child realize this is not a test you can study for. However, it is very important they do their best every day leading up to and on the FAST test days
- Your child can participate in the practice tests so that he/she becomes familiar with the items
- Help your child get a good night sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast
- Provide emotional and positive support
 - Talk to your child and encourage them
 - Work with your child to help them learn how to lower anxiety/stress about the test
- Arrive to school every day – attendance is crucial



Helpful Resources

✓FAST Portal

www.flfast.org

✓Florida State Standards (cpalms)

<http://www.cpalms.org>

✓Florida Department of Education Web Site

<http://www.fldoe.org>

✓School Accountability Reports

<http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org>



FAST Portal

➤ FAST Portal:
www.flfast.org

- Contains all published information regarding FAST assessments and released Practice Tests
- Access to the portal and information is public.
- [How to Access the Family Portal](#)

Welcome to the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal

Learn more about all of our assessments, including the FAST assessment, which is new for the 2022–2023 school year.



Questions and Answers

