

# Welcome to WCES FSA Parent Night

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# *Pasco County Schools*

## *Kurt Browning, Superintendent*

- Preparing Our Students for College, Career and Life



**FLORIDA STANDARDS PARENT NIGHT**



# COLLEGE, CAREER, AND LIFE READY

## *A Student Achieving the Standards:*

- ★ Demonstrates Independence
- ★ Builds Strong Content Knowledge
- ★ Responds to the Varying Demands of Audience, Task, Purpose, and Discipline
- ★ Comprehends and Critiques
- ★ Values Evidence
- ★ Uses Technology Strategically Capably
- ★ Understands Other Perspectives Cultures.



# WHAT ARE THE FLORIDA STANDARDS?



A set of clear, consistent, internationally benchmarked K-12 standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics that will provide a purposeful framework to prepare our students for college and the workplace.

# FLORIDA STANDARDS

COLLEGE & CAREER READY

- ◆ Florida adopted the CCSS with minor revisions (mostly at the primary grades)
- ◆ Added standards for handwriting, calculus, etc. based on educator and parent feedback
- ◆ LAFS (Language Arts Florida Standards) and MAFS (Mathematics Florida Standards)
- ◆ American Institutes for Research (AIR) was contracted to develop state assessments to measure student proficiency of the Florida Standards (FSA)





# LAFS

## HOW ARE THE ELA STANDARDS DIFFERENT?

- Regular practice with complex text and academic language
- Reading, writing and speaking grounded in evidence from informational and literary text
- Building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction



# HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD IN LITERACY?

- ✓ Ask specific questions about what your child reads.
- ✓ Encourage reading, then writing and talking about nonfiction text such as newspapers, magazines, and biographies.
- ✓ Encourage researching topics of interest and reading series that relate to a central topic.
- ✓ Have your child follow step by step instructions or a set of directions in order to accomplish a task, such as building a sandcastle or operating a game.



# HOW ARE THE MATH STANDARDS DIFFERENT?

MAFS

- Focus strongly where the standards focus
- Coherence: think across grades and link to major topics within grades
- Rigor: In major topics, pursue with equal intensity: conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application





# HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD IN MATH?

- ✓ Practice addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts with your child.
- ✓ Encourage children not to give up while solving problems, to build stamina and develop their critical thinking skills. Don't give them the answers - ask them to think of different ways they can solve problems.
- ✓ Have your child illustrate the math they are thinking in their head and discuss it out loud.
- ✓ Ask children apply their math knowledge to a real-world scenario at home, such as doubling a recipe or calculating the area of their room.



# FSA 2018

- Grades 3 -10 FSA ELA (Reading)
- Grades 4 – 10 FSA ELA (Writing)
- Grades 3 – 8 FSA MATH

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# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE FSA 2018

- April 9 & 10 ~ ELA Reading ~ Paper and Pencil Test
- April 30 & May 1 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math ~ Computer Based Test or
- April 18 & 19 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math ~ Computer Based Test

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# GRADE 3 FSA SPECIFICS:

- ELA Reading – Paper and Pencil Test
  - 2 – 80 minute sessions
  - Text passages have an approximate word count of 100-700 words
  - Multiple choice, Multiple-select, Editing
- Math – Computer-based Test
  - 2 – 80 minute sessions
  - Multiple choice, Multiple-select, and Equation Response Questions
  - No tools required (rulers, protractors, etc.)

FSA for English Language Arts impacts students in grade 3 for promotion and retention.

Students in grade 3 must score level 2 or higher on the ELA FSA to be promoted to grade 4, unless they meet a “good cause exemption”.

## 6 GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTIONS

1. Limited English Proficient students with less than 2 years of ESOL instruction.
2. ESE students whose IEP indicates participation in statewide assessment isn't appropriate.
3. Performance on a **state approved alternative assessment** (45<sup>th</sup> percentile on SAT 10).
4. Portfolio **documenting mastery** of grade 3 ELA standards assessed on FSA.



# EXEMPTIONS FROM THIRD GRADE RETENTION

5. ESE or 504 students who participate in state assessments, have received intervention for more than 2 years, and have been previously retained once.
6. Students who received ELA intervention for 2 or more years and have already been retained twice. Students can only be retained once in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

# FSA PRACTICE TESTS

- Allows Parents and Students to become familiar with the system, functionality, and item types
- Sample items for different grade levels (3- 10) and subject areas (Reading, Writing, Language, Listening, and Math)

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## Online Learning

- 1 Learning new things is an exciting part of life. Learning can happen anywhere. There are kids who learn at a school, kids who learn at home and some kids who learn online. Students who learn this way use their computers and the Internet to connect to online classrooms. They use a camera connected to their home computer to let the teacher and other students see them. They can see their teacher and classmates on their screens because their classmates and teacher use a camera, too.

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With which two sentences would the author agree?

- Learning is exciting no matter how you do it.
- All students should go to school on the Internet.
- Thousands of students in the same class are too many.
- Online classrooms are a good alternative to regular ones.
- Students in the same class should live close to each other.



# ELA EXAMPLES

Select two sentences that show how online classrooms and regular classrooms are alike.

- 3            Today, students who live far away from their teacher have classes on the Internet. In some online classrooms, a classroom full of kids can use a special computer program at the same time as the teacher. The students can live in one country, and the teacher can be located in a different country. Still, it's just like a classroom at your school. The teacher can teach the kids. The kids can ask questions. Everyone can see and hear everything that's being said as it happens.

What is 78 rounded to the nearest ten?

A 70

B 75

C 80

D 100

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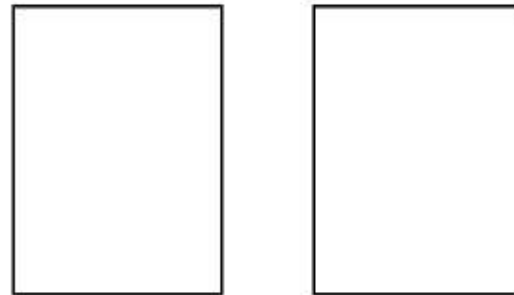
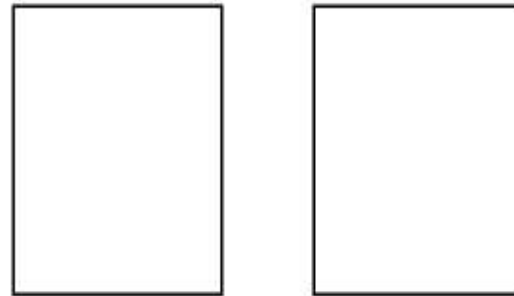
James has 12 star stickers. He wants to divide them equally into 4 groups.

- Drag the stars to the rectangles to divide the 12 stars equally.
- Drag numbers to each box to form an equation that models how you divided the stars.



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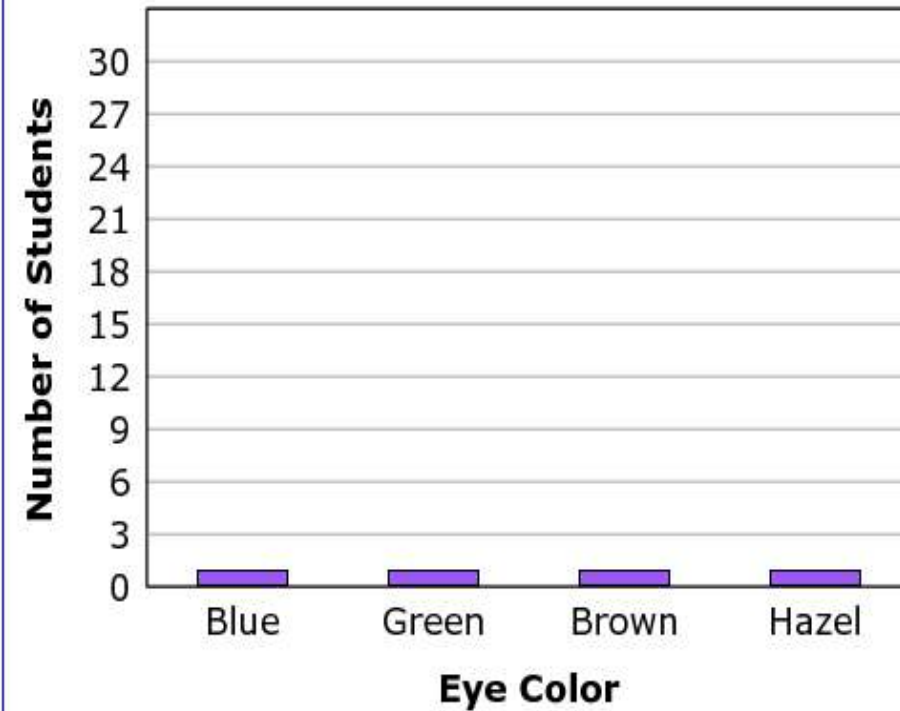
The table shows the eye color of third graders at Long Branch Elementary School.

### Eye Color of Third Graders

Eye Color	Number of Students
Blue	3
Green	6
Brown	12
Hazel	9

Click above the labels in the bar graph to display the data from the table. Use a scale of 3.

### Third Graders' Eye Color



# FSA RESULTS & IMPLICATIONS

1. Performance Indicators – Students will receive a scale score and performance level.
2. Reporting Categories– Groups of similar skills and points possible for each category.
3. Performance Levels (2017) – Range from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest) will be reported. Level 3 will continue to represent satisfactory performance.

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



# RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

- Pasco County Schools [www.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us)
- Florida Department of Education [www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org)
- FSA Training Tests [www.fsaassessments.org](http://www.fsaassessments.org)
- CCSS for Parents [www.achievethecore.org](http://www.achievethecore.org)
- The Parent Toolkit [www.parenttoolkit.com](http://www.parenttoolkit.com)
- The Parents' Guide to School Success [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)
- Knowledge Library [www.hunt-institute.org](http://www.hunt-institute.org)
- FAQs and Myths & Facts [www.corestandard.org](http://www.corestandard.org)
- Understanding the Common Core [www.edutopia.org](http://www.edutopia.org)