# FAST Student Results TIDE Testing Platform Grades 3-10

This year's new Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is administered three times during the year (beginning of year -PM1, middle of year-PM2, and end of year-PM3). The administration of PM1 and PM2 are designed for the purpose of information for instruction in the classroom.

The test is administered as a computer adaptive test which provides students with questions on the grade level standards the student will be taught during the year. The test does not present students with questions above or below the student's tested grade level.

It is important to note that students are not expected to have mastery of grade-level skills at the beginning of the year. Students are taught skills throughout the year and should move towards mastery as the school year progresses.

Your child's scores will populate into their myStudent account which you can access through the Pasco Parent Portal. You can access the scores by clicking on Check Grades/Attendance and then click on your child's name, and then Test History. Below is an explanation of what scores will appear in the Pasco Parent Portal:

### Achievement Level

Florida has established unique benchmarks that students must reach to be considered proficient. The Achievement Levels range from 1 to 5 with 3 being on-grade-level. Descriptions of the levels are listed below.

Level	Description
Level 1	Inadequate: Students who score in Level 1 demonstrate an inadequate level of
	mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. To be prepared for the next
	grade, they are highly likely to need substantial support.
Level 2	Below Satisfactory: Students who score in Level 2 demonstrate a below
	satisfactory level of mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. To be
	prepared for the next grade, they are likely to need substantial support.
Level 3	On-Grade-Level: Students who score in Level 3 demonstrate on-grade-level
	mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. They may need additional
	support to excel in the next grade.
Level 4	Proficient: Students who score in Level 4 demonstrate proficiency in the B.E.S.T.
	Standards for their grade. They are likely to excel in the next grade.
Level 5	Mastery: Students who score in Level 5 demonstrate mastery of the B.E.S.T.
	Standards for their grade. They are highly likely to excel in the next grade.

Students who scored a Level 1 or Level 2 may be eligible to receive free books on a monthly basis through the New Worlds Reading Initiative. Visit <u>http://newworldreading.com</u> for more information.

In addition, the Level 1 and 2 students may be eligible for a \$500 reading scholarship to be used for instructional materials, tutoring, and summer or after school educational programs. Visit <a href="http://Stepupforstudents.org/reading">http://Stepupforstudents.org/reading</a> for more information.

## Scale Score

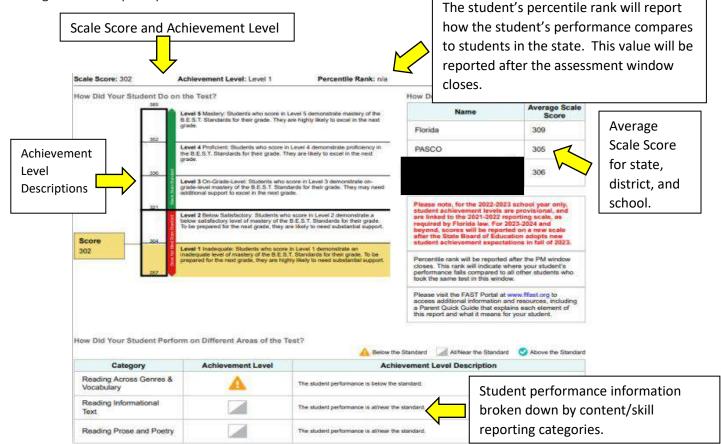
The Scale Score is useful for comparing student performance over time and across grades. A scaled score is calculated based on the difficulty of the questions and the number of correct responses.

#### Percentile Rank

Percentile Rank compares student performance to other students in the same grade nationwide. For example, a student with a percentile rank score of 37 performed as well as or better than 37 percent of other students in the same grade nationally. The Percentile Rank value will be reported once the state assessment window closes.

#### **Individual Score Reports**

Sometime in the fall, the state will load the Individual Score Reports in the Florida Statewide Assessment Portal which is linked in your Pasco Parent Portal account. The Individual Score Reports will give you additional information such as student performance information broken down by content/skill reporting categories. A sample is pictured below.



## FL FAST Website

More parent information can be found by going to, <u>https://flfast.org/families.html</u>