

**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.

<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>
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 <http://newworldreading.com> 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 <http://Stepupforstudents.org/reading> 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.

The student's percentile rank will report how the student's performance compares to students in the state. This value will be reported after the assessment window closes.

Achievement Level Descriptions

Scale Score and Achievement Level

Average Scale Score for state, district, and school.

Student performance information broken down by content/skill reporting categories.

**Scale Score and Achievement Level**

Scale Score: 302    Achievement Level: Level 1    Percentile Rank: n/a

**How Did Your Student Do on the Test?**

Score	Achievement Level	Description
385	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.
367	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.
336	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.
321	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.
304	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.
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**How Did Your Student Perform on Different Areas of the Test?**

Below the Standard    At/Near the Standard    Above the Standard

Category	Achievement Level	Achievement Level Description
Reading Across Genres & Vocabulary	Below the Standard	The student performance is below the standard.
Reading Informational Text	At/Near the Standard	The student performance is at/near the standard.
Reading Prose and Poetry	At/Near the Standard	The student performance is at/near the standard.

**Average Scale Score for state, district, and school.**

Name	Average Scale Score
Florida	309
PASCO	305
[Redacted]	306

Please note, for the 2022-2023 school year only, student achievement levels are provisional, and are linked to the 2021-2022 reporting scale, as required by Florida law. For 2023-2024 and beyond, scores will be reported on a new scale after the State Board of Education adopts new student achievement expectations in fall of 2023.

Percentile rank will be reported after the PM window closes. This rank will indicate where your student's performance falls compared to all other students who took the same test in this window.

Please visit the FAST Portal at [www.flfast.org](http://www.flfast.org) to access additional information and resources, including a Parent Quick Guide that explains each element of this report and what it means for your student.

## FL FAST Website

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