

HICKORY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA):

3rd grade Math, April 20 (Session 1) & 21 (Session 2);

4th grade Math, April 10 (Session 1) & 11 (Session 2);

4th grade ELA, April 27 (Session 1) & 28 (Session 2);

5th grade Math, April 18 (Session 1) & 19 (Session 2);

5th grade ELA, April 25 (Session 1) & 26 (Session 2)

Your student has had an opportunity 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 FSA assessments. If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>.

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2017 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at www.fsassessments.org, click on the **Students and Families** icon, then select **Spring 2017 Testing Times**.

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.
- **Calculators**—For Grades 7 and 8 Mathematics, **approved calculators may be used during SESSIONS 2 and 3 only**. For EOC assessments, **approved calculators may be used during SESSION 2 only**. If students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated. Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3–6 Mathematics tests.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA 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 signing below the statement on their planning sheets, worksheets, or work folders.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Loretta Palmer at (904) 547-7457.

For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA Portal at www.FSAssessments.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,


Bethany Groves, Principal