

**PATHWAYS AT PINE GROVE (SALC)**  
**Testing Calendar SY 2020-2021**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**August 26, 2020**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will have the opportunity to take the computer-based FSA Assessments and End-of-Course (EOC) assessments During the month of November 2020. Please review with your student before testing:

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**Important NOTE**

**Due to COVID-19:**

1. Students scheduled to take the Grade 10 FSA ELA during the 2019-2020 school year and did not have the opportunity to take the assessment. Although not taking the assessment did not negatively impact your student, they must still meet the ELA assessment graduation requirement. Listed below you will find additional options your student may use to meet the math assessment graduation requirement:

Students may use one of the following to meet the ELA Reading assessment graduation requirement:

- o Pass the ELA (350) which is offered two times a year (fall and spring)
  - o Earn a concordant score on one of the following standardized tests:
    - SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing – 480
    - ACT English and Reading Subtest (Average) Superscored – 18
2. Students enrolled in Algebra 1 during the 2019-2020 school year did not have the opportunity to take the EOC. The 30% requirement was waived; however, the students must meet the math assessment graduation requirement. Listed below you will find additional options your student may use to meet the math assessment graduation requirement:

Students may use one of the following to meet the math assessment graduation requirement:

- o Pass the Algebra 1 EOC (497) which is offered four times a year (fall, winter, spring, summer)
- o Earn a comparative score on one of the following standardized tests:
  - PSAT/NMSQT Math – 430
  - SAT Math – 420
  - ACT Math – 16
- o Pass the Geometry EOC – 499 (taken in a subsequent year)

For your student to become familiar with the tools available during the test and how to respond to the different types of questions, they must complete the practice test <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>. The purpose of the practice test is to help students navigate the testing platform not to practice the content.

The fall testing window is **9/14/2020 – 10/16/2020**, for information regarding test testing dates or any other questions, please contact **Sonia Guerao-Mansion**:

**Email:** [Guerao.sonia@brevardschools.org](mailto:Guerao.sonia@brevardschools.org)

**School Office:** 321 242 4770

**Google Voice:** 321 345 1451

The fall FSA Reading component and fall EOC will be administered as two sessions in one day. If you prefer for your student to take the Reading and /or EOC over two days, please contact **Sonia Guerao-Mansion**. The writing component of the ELA will be administered as one 120-minute session on a separate day.

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### Safety Protocols:

- As per the Brevard Public School Board, students are required to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible
- Students are encouraged to bring their own pencil or pen for testing
- Hand-sanitizer will be available
- All testing materials and computers will be sanitized before and after every session

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at [www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org).

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging them to do their best during this test administration.

Sincerely,



Shannon Sejeck

Assistant Principal

Subject	Grade	Who Should Test
FSA Writing RETAKE	10 RETAKE	Any Student who has not MET the ELA HS Grad Requirement (Must take both Reading and Writing components)
FSA Reading RETAKE	10 RETAKE	Any Student who has not MET the ELA HS Grad Requirement (Must take both Reading and Writing components)
EOC Algebra 1/ Algebra 1 RETAKE	7-12	1. Students who completed the ALG course, <u>took</u> the ALG EOC, and did not pass the EOC
		2. Students who took the course <u>but not</u> the ALG EOC
		3. Students who have not met the ALG HS Grad Requirement
		4. Students retaking the year-long course
		MS student who took the class last year
EOC Geometry	7-12	1. Students who took the course but not the EOC
		2. Students retaking the year-long course
		MS student who took the class last year
EOC Biology 1 US. History	10-12	1. Students who took the course but not the EOC
		2. Students retaking the year-long course
EOC Civics	7 or 8	Students who took the class <u>but not</u> the EOC

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Please review the following state testing 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.
- **Headphones**—For the reading portion of the assessment, headphones are required. For the safety and security of the student, we recommend that students bring headphones/earbuds that can plug into an auxiliary port. Bluetooth headphones are NOT permitted.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All 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 clicking the box in the secure browser.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states: “Because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items, passages, and prompts) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram.” Please make sure your student understands that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have remarkably similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment, illness), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.