



Pasco County Schools

Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parent,

In March 2022, legislation was signed that eliminated the Florida Standards Assessment and replaced it with a progress monitoring tool to measure students' growth in language arts and math. This progress monitoring tool, known as the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking or F.A.S.T., is aligned to the B.E.S.T standards.

The FAST tests can only be taken on the computer and are adaptive in nature. This means that the test will adjust up or down depending on how your child responds. If your child answers an item correctly, the test will adjust and introduce a more challenging question. If your child answers incorrectly, the test will adjust and present your child with a less challenging question. Because the test is adaptive, no two students are taking the exact same test.

Your child will take three short "check-in" progress monitoring (PM) assessments throughout the year.

	PM1	PM2	PM3
VPK	August 8-September 30	December 5-January 27	May 1- June 2
K-2	August 8-September 30	December 5-January 27	May 1- June 2
3-8	August 15-September 30	December 5-January 27	May 1- June 2
9-10*	August 15-September 30	December 5-January 27	May 1- June 2

*English Language Arts only

The state has provided the district with broad testing windows. To find out when your child will take his/her assessment, please contact your child's school.

Once your child has tested, you will be notified of your child's results. Eventually, you will be able to access the results through the state's Family Portal. You can access the state's Family Portal by logging into your Pasco parent account, clicking on Check Grades/Attendance, and then clicking on the Florida Statewide Assessments icon.

The new FAST tests will provide real-time data that will inform students, teachers, and parents about individual student growth throughout the year, rather than providing feedback at the end of the year after a single lengthy end-of-year assessment.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

Kurt S. Browning
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