

Hawthorne Middle/ High School 2024 Testing Schedule

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the dates for the upcoming AP, FAST PM 3 & EOC tests for your student. Please refer to your student's grade level and courses for test dates. Students that have taken and not passed a previous Algebra or 10th grade Reading assessment may be scheduled for an exam retake for an opportunity to meet their graduation requirement on one of our make-up days.

In order to provide students with the full allotment of time for assessments, all testing will begin at the start of the school day, 8AM, therefore it is important for students to arrive on time on test day. All test groups will be assigned to a specific computer lab and will have pre-assigned seating.

Middle School	6 th	7 th	8 th
B.E.S.T. Writing	April 1	April 5	April 3
FAST ELA Reading	May 13	May 8	May 6
NGSSS Science			May 22
FAST Mathematics	May 9	May 1	May 14
Algebra 1 EOC			May 14
Civics EOC		May 17	

High School	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
B.E.S.T. Writing	April 2	April 4		
FAST ELA Reading	May 21	May 20		
Algebra 1 EOC	May 2 (Rivera) / May 14 (Greenall)			
AP Biology Exam			May 16	
AP Computer Science	May 15			
FCLE (enrolled in Government)			April 16	
Geometry EOC	May 3			
AP US History Exam			May 10	

The results from FAST PM3 Reading and Math will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and math sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

The B.E.S.T. Writing assessments are administered in one 120 minute computer-based session. Computer-based and paper-based practice tests and answer keys for each assessment are available on the [Students & Families portal page](#).



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The Grade 8 Statewide Science Assessment consists of one 160 minute computer-based session with a short break after 80 minutes. If you or your student would like to gain familiarity with the item types and response formats your student will see on his or her Statewide Science Assessment, sample questions and answer keys are available at <https://fsassessments.org/families.html>.

B.E.S.T. Algebra 1, B.E.S.T. Geometry, Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History EOC assessments are each administered in one 160-minute session, but students may continue working up to the length of a typical school day, if needed.

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 or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All Statewide Science Assessments 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 in their test books.
- **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 in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting on social media.” Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them 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 extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**— 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 if you have questions.

For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the FDOE website at [FLFAST.org](https://fldoe.org).

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

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