Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments on the following dates:

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| **DATE** | **TASK** |
| Tuesday 04/20  | FSA ELA Grade 3 Session 1 FSA ELA Writing Assessment Grades 4-6    |
| Wednesday 04/21  | FSA ELA Grade 3 Session 2  |
| Tuesday 05/11 Wednesday 05/12  | Reading FSA Grades 4-6 Session 1  Reading FSA Grades 4-6 Session 2  |
| Tuesday 05/18 Wednesday 05/19  | Math FSA Grades 3-6 Session 1 Math FSA Grades 3-6 Session 2  |
| Tuesday 05/25 Wednesday 05/26   | Science FSA Grade 5 Session 1 Science FSA Grade 5 Session 2  |

**Per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments. The Florida Department of Education (DOE) requires all students present during the testing window to participate in the assessment. Therefore, all students present on any testing or make-up testing days will be required to sit for the assessment. Furthermore, unlike some states, Florida has no "opt-out" policy for state assessments used as the required measures of student achievement for the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.**

If your child is currently a remote student, you should have filled out the survey sent by teachers with Assessment information. All students, in person and remote, will test IN PERSON. The health and safety of all students and staff are among BridgePrep Academy’s highest priorities. All COVID-19 protocols remain in place, (masks, social distancing, hand washing, etc.)

Students must be in school no later than 8:00AM on testing days. Please ensure your student gets adequate sleep and has breakfast leading to the test. Students must also bring a snack to have during testing breaks. The school WILL NOT provide testing snacks.

The goal of statewide assessments is to provide academic achievement and learning gains data to students, parents, teachers, school administrators, and district staff to measure progress and achievement for learners. While no single assessment is the sole determiner of promotion, statewide assessment results are considered for a variety of school-based decisions such as promotion, course placement, and acceptance into magnet

programs. Students who do not participate in mandatory statewide assessments risk the possibility of being placed in remediation the following school year, and other consequences (such as retention) based on the district's Student Progression Plan. For further information on promotion criteria, please see School Board Policy 6000.1 Student Progression Plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/progressionplan>. Although final recommendations for promotion or retention will be made on a wholistic review of the student’s academic performance during this school year, BridgePrep Academy will base decisions on the student’s readiness for the following grade level as measured by summative assessments.

For information regarding session lengths for Spring 2021 assessments, please see the [2020–2021 Florida Statewide Grade-Level Assessments Fact Sheet](https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5663/urlt/Grade-LevelFS2021.pdf).

To help your student become comfortable with the item types and response formats, the following resources are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/>:

* Paper-Based Practice Tests and Answer Keys
* Student Presentations

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 during testing, his or her test will be invalidated. During testing sessions, teachers will keep electronics in a locked cabinet. Teacher nor school is responsible for the loss of any electronic under any circumstance.
* **Calculators**—Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3–6 Mathematics tests.
* **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student’s test and answer book 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 and answer book.
* **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, passages, and prompts) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites.” 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, 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 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, they will receive the testing accommodations that their plan states they should be provided.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, please contact Ms. Galarza at 954-362-8268. 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 him or her to do his or her best during Spring 2021 assessments.

Sincerely,

Mr. Marcelo