FRANK C. MARTIN K- 8 CENTER
Parent Informational Session
March 13, 2024

# Agenda

1. FAST: Star Assessments: VPK, K-2

2. FAST ELA & Math Grades 3-8

3. BEST Algebra, Geometry, Biology & Civics EOC

4. Testing Tips for Parents

# Spring 2024 Testing Calendar

## BEST Writing

Testing Window:  April 1 to April 12, 2024

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| April 1, 2024 | April 2, 2024 | April 3, 2024 | April 4, 2024 | April 5, 2024 |
| **BEST Writing** Grades 4-8 Individual testing | **BEST Writing** Grades 4-8 Individual testing & PBT | **BEST Writing** Grades 4-8 Individual testing | **BEST Writing** Grades 4-8 Gen. Ed. & Ext. Time | **Career Day** |
| April 8, 2024 | April 9, 2024 | April 10, 2024 | April 11, 2024 | April 12, 2024 |
| **BEST Writing** Grades 4-8 **Make-ups** | **BEST Writing** Grades 4-8 **Make-ups** | **BEST Writing** Grades 4-8 **Make-ups** | **BEST Writing** Grades 4-8 **Make-ups** | **BEST Writing** Grades 4-8 **Make-ups** |

# Spring 2024 Testing Calendar

## FAST STAR K – 2/FAST L.A & Math Grades 3-8/SCIENCE 5-8/BEST Writing & EOC's

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| April 29, 2024 | April 30, 2024 | May 1, 2024 | May 2, 2024 | May 3, 2024 |
| **STAR ELA**<br>Grade 1 | **STAR Math**<br>Grade 1 | **FAST ELA**<br>Grades 3-8 | **FAST ELA**<br>Grades 3-8<br>**STAR ELA**<br>Grade 2 | **FAST ELA**<br>**Make-ups**<br>**STAR MATH**<br>Grade 2 |
| May 6, 2024 | May 7, 2024 | May 8, 2024 | May 9, 2024 | May 10, 2024 |
| **FAST ELA**<br>Grades 3-8<br>**Make-ups** | **FAST ELA**<br>Grades 3-8<br>**Make-ups** | **FAST ELA**<br>Grades 3-8<br>**Make-ups** | **FAST Math**<br>Grades 3-8<br>**Algebra & Geometry EOC** | **Grade 8 Field Trip** |
| May 13, 2024 | May 14, 2024 | May 15, 2024 | May 16, 2024 | May 17, 2024 |
| **FAST ELA/Math**<br>Grades 3-8<br>**Make-ups** | **Science Grades 5** | **Science Grades 5**<br>**Make-ups** | **NGSSS Civics EOC**<br>**NGSSS Biology EOC**<br>**Science Grades 8** | **PM3 FAST & BEST/EOC**<br>**Make-ups** |
| May 20, 2024 | May 21, 2024 | May 22, 2024 | May 23, 2024 | May 24, 2024 |
| **AP3 i-Ready**<br>Grade 3 | **AP3 i-Ready**<br>Grade 3 | **AP3 i-Ready**<br>Grade 3 | **AP3 i-Ready**<br>Grade 3 | **PM3 FAST & BEST/EOC/AP3**<br>**Make-ups** |
| May 27, 2024 | May 28, 2024 | May 29, 2024 | May 30, 2024 | May 31, 2024 |
| **Memorial Day** | **PM3 FAST & BEST/EOC**<br>**Make-ups** | **PM3 FAST & BEST/EOC**<br>**Make-ups** | **PM3 FAST & BEST/EOC**<br>**Make-ups** | **PM3 FAST & BEST/EOC**<br>**Make-ups** |

# Early Childhood Programs
# VPK FAST Assessment



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# VPK FAST

All students enrolled in the VPK program will take the VPK FAST STAR test.

**Testing Window:  April 25 to June 6, 2024**

Headphones are required for all students taking the VPK STAR test.

# FAST | K – Grade 2 Administration
## Testing Window: April 15 to May 31, 2024
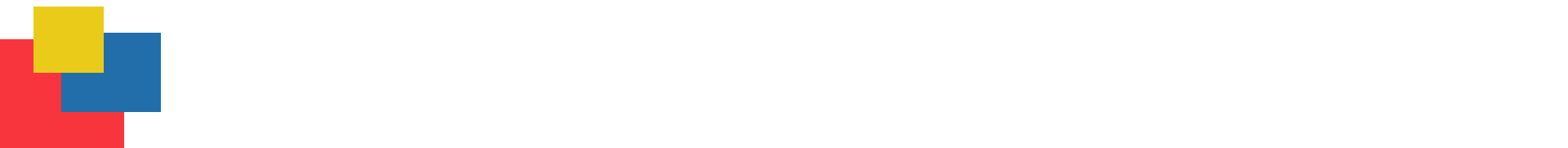
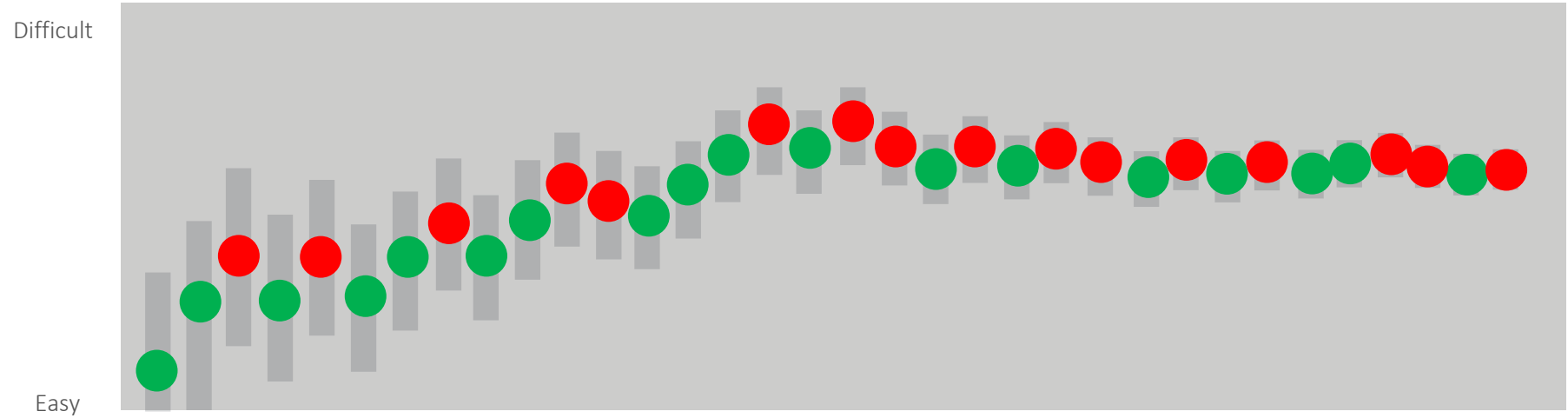# Who is Tested?

## FAST Grades K-2

- All students enrolled in grades K-2, including:
  - SPED/Section 504
  - ELL

# Design – Computer Adaptive Test



Items answered by student
- Correct **Response**
- Incorrect Response

Difficult

Easy

# Data from Prior PM administration

If data is available from the prior PM, it will be used to deliver the first item to a student based on that student's previous performance.

- For example, If a student was performing above grade level at PM3 last year, the algorithm would take that into account when selecting the first item for the student. The system will choose an item around that same level to begin the assessment, then the system would continue to adjust based on whether the student gets that item correct or incorrect.

- If the system has no data for the student (i.e., new to the state), they will receive a mid-range item to begin the test.

- All test content is on grade-level and will adhere to the blueprint for all students

# RENAISSANCE
# **Star** Early Literacy

- Assesses three broad domains

- 27 questions

- 20 minutes average test length

- Headphones required

# What does Star Early Literacy assess?

10-Key Early Literacy Sub-Domains

- Visual Discrimination
- Alphabetic Principle
- Concept of Word
- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Structural Analysis
- Vocabulary
- Sentence-Level Comprehension
- Paragraph-Level Comprehension
- Early Numeracy

Pre-reading skills assessment

# RENAISSANCE
## **Star** Reading®

- Items test skills in five key reading domains

- 34 items

- 20 minutes average test length

# What does Star Reading assess?

5-Key Reading Domains

- Word Knowledge and Skills

- Comprehension Strategies and Constructing Meaning

- Analyzing Literary Text

- Understanding Author's Craft

- Analyzing Argument and Evaluating Text

**RENAISSANCE Star Math®**



- Items test skills in four broad Mathematics domains

- 34 items

- 30 minutes average test length

   Kindergarten, 1, and 2 in Florida

- Headphones are required

- Scratch paper is required

# What does Star Mathematics assess?

4-Broad Mathematics Domains

- Numbers and Operations

- Algebra

- Geometry & Measurement

- Data Analysis, Statistics & Probability

# FAST ELA & Math

## May 1 to May 31, 2024

# Who is Tested?

**BEST Writing:**  All students enrolled in Grades 4-8

**FAST ELA & Math:**  All students enrolled in Grades 3 – 8.

**BEST EOC's:**  All students enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and Civics

**Science:**  All students enrolled in Grades 5 and 8.

# Testing Schedule and More

- Students will be allowed to work in their BEST and FAST assessments until the end of the school day (3:05 p.m.).

- Students who need to continue working after 12:00 p.m. will be provided with lunch.  These students will continue testing after their lunch is over.

- Snacks will be provided for all testing students.

- Calculators are built-in in the testing platform.

- Make-up testing:  Students who are absent or late (after 9:00 a.m.) on testing day will be provided a make-up opportunity

# Testing Tips for Parents

– Early bedtime: 9-10 hours of sleep for a fresh mind.

– Review testing strategies with your child: Read passages and questions carefully, review each answer option before making a choice, use the strategies learned in class (underlining, making notations, checking).

– Breakfast: High protein content foods, such as eggs, cheese, yogurt, oatmeal, granola bars. No foods with high sugar content to avoid energy crash during testing.

– Make sure your child has all necessary materials needed for testing day.

– Stay positive and calm.

– Practice relaxing breathing exercises. See example below.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiMb2Bw4Ae8

# AFTER TESTING

- Students scores will be available to parents through the Family Portal at https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/#/

- Scores will be available 24 hours after testing day.

- Remind your child that testing does not define their skills as an individual.

- Celebrate the effort your child put forth and congratulate him/her on doing their best.

# Parent Resources

https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/20102/urlt/2324FASTK2FS.pdf

https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/20102/urlt/2324FASTGrd310FS.pdf

https://flfast.org/resources/manuals-and-user-guides/understanding-fast-and-best-eoc-reports-for-families

# Questions