



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based ELA Writing and ELA Reading Retake *and/or* Algebra 1 during the window of Oct. 26, 2020 until Dec. 4, 2020

If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>.

For the fall testing window, MSO students need to arrive to school by 7:20. Once your child has completed their testing session, they will be escorted to room 5116 for parent pick up. Parents must sign out students in order for them to leave campus. Please arrange to pick them up after testing.

The ELA Reading Retake *and/or* Algebra 1 will be administered as three sessions over three consecutive days. Students have 120 minutes to complete the Writing session on day one and 90 minutes for each of the two sessions of FSA ELA Reading and EOC Algebra I. Students will have up to half the school day (3 ½ Hours to complete each session). If your child is experiencing any flu-like symptoms, please do not send your child in for testing. MSO students will be required to attend their scheduled testing sessions at school. There is no remote testing available at this time. The testing labs have privacy shields and have been separated for social distancing.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **HEADPHONES-** Due to safety measures, please make sure that your child brings their own set of headphones necessary for 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.
- **Calculator Policy**—For Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments, **approved calculators may be used during Session 2 only**. If students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated. For Biology 1 EOC, a handheld four-function calculator may be used only if the school provides all students with a handheld four-function calculator.
- **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 indicating they understand the testing rules.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students 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, 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 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.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact South Dade Senior High at (305) 247-4244. 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 this test administration.

Sincerely,

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