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Dear 7th & 8th Grade Longhorn Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Writing/Reading/Mathematics and/or Civics/Algebra 1/Geometry End-of-Course (EOC) assessment(s) during the first week of April (Writing) and during the month of May (Reading/Math/Civics/Algebra/Geometry). 8th grade students will also take a paper-based Science FCAT on May 13th.

Your student has had an opportunity to participate in a practice test to become familiar with the computer-based testing platform, item types, and response formats he or she will see on the FSA assessment(s). 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/>.

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, his/her test will be invalidated.

* **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA 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 signing below the statement on their planning sheets, worksheets, or work folders.

* **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students states: “Because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test content after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram.” Please make sure your student understands 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.

* **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (for an appointment, illness, etc.), he/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.

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

Sincerely,

Jill Briscoe