***Parent/Student Guide to FSA Retakes***

***What is the FSA?***

**The FSA is a series of assessments used to determine a student’s mastery over a set of standards. The FSA Assessments that students are tested on:**

**\*Grade 10 ELA – Graduation Requirement**

**\*Algebra 1 EOC (End of Course) – Graduation Requirement**

**US History EOC (End of Course)**

**Geometry EOC (End of Course)**

**Civics EOC (End of Course)**

**For more information, please visit**[***http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7764/urlt/GradRequireFSA.pdf***](http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7764/urlt/GradRequireFSA.pdf)

***Who is not testing?***

**If your student has already taken and passed any of these exams listed above, then they will not test for that exam retake.**

​***Who is testing?***

***If your student has not passed either the Grade 10 FSA ELA and/or the Algebra 1 EOC (or any of the above tests listed), then please continue reading.***

The Grade 10 FSA ELA and Algebra 1 EOC are graduation assessments and required for students to successfully complete (with a Level 3 or higher score).

***When is testing?***

ELA Writing - September 22 Algebra Session 1 - October 15

ELA Reading Session 1 - September 29 Algebra Session 2 - October 16

ELA Reading Session 2 - September 30

*​****MSOL or Traditional***

***​***If you are a MSOL (My School Online) student, please follow the instructions available at <https://cchs.pasco.k12.fl.us/assessments/assessment-resources/>.

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**Please note that if you are a MSOL student you must follow the guidelines for admission. Your ELA teacher is not authorized to share testing location or information as part of our social distancing safety protocols.**

If you are a traditional student, please ask your ELA teacher (or another faculty member) for more information.

​***Wait...I thought exams were cancelled...***

​When exams (and school) were closed in Spring, the Governor made an executive decision to waive testing requirements for seniors. This was done so that seniors, who may have needed to take the mandatory Grade 10 ELA and or the Algebra 1 EOC, were not impacted and thus jeopardized their graduation status through no fault of their own.

The order was not applied to all students and so any student (9th-11th grade) that would have other opportunities to take these assessments before their scheduled graduation date would be required to.

The only note is for Algebra 1 students that were scheduled for the Spring exam also had 30% of their grade attached to the exam. However, no there was no exam, so the state waived the 30% impact.

***Why can't I wait until Spring, test in Geometry, and earn a concordant score for the Algebra requirement?***

​​With revised guidance from district and school leaders it was determined that waiting until the end of the year does not provide students with enough opportunities to succeed. Students that struggle in Algebra may need additional attempts and waiting, thereby skipping multiple assessment opportunities did not serve the student's best interest. **Any student that missed their Algebra 1 EOC exam is automatically registered for the retakes October 15-16**.

***​What about FSA Geometry, Biology, or US History?***

​Those FSA's will be administered on October 7-8.

***What if my student does not pass the FSA ELA or Algebra EOC?***

***​***Rest assured that our dedicated staff is doing everything in our power to make your student as successful as possible. If your student is unsuccessful then there several opportunities to address the need:

\*Another FSA Retake Window Opportunity

\*Concordant Score (PSAT, SAT, ACT) – For more information visit <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7764/urlt/GradRequireFSA.pdf>

Here is a list of some upcoming dates of exams that can be used to earn a concordant score for the ELA or Algebra 1 test:

October 6 – ACT on campus (no registration necessary – 12th grade only)

October 14 – SAT NCR (non-college reporting) – 12th grade students who are missing ELA/ALG exam requirement only. This SAT can only be used for graduation purposes and not for admissions to a university or college.

As more dates become available, the school website be updated.

***My student is an ESE. Doesn’t that mean they are exempt?***

Yes and no. Yes, once the waiver has been completed then an ESE student can be exempt from taking the Grade 10 ELA exam or the Algebra 1 EOC. However, there are some stipulations:

* Student **must be documented ESE**
* Student must have **completed successfully the course** (English II or Algebra 1/Regular or Honors) and received a full credit (Letter grade of “D” or higher in both semesters)
* Students must have a **score on file** from a previously failed Grade 10 FSA ELA and/or Algebra 1 EOC

Because many of your students did not test when they were scheduled to test in May of 2020, they must now test to establish a score on file. Once the score has been recorded, and the student has earned credit for the course (ELA or Algebra 1) then the ESE Waiver can be written and applied.

***What are the safety precautions you are taking for testing?***

Students are required to apply the daily screener and determine their health prior to arriving on campus.

All students are required to wear face masks.

All students are socially distanced in testing environments.

All laptops and technology used for testing are cleaned daily after use.

Testing cohorts are the same throughout the testing window to minimize interactions.