

## IMPORTANT TEST INFORMATION

The Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) for Writing, Reading, Algebra and Geometry and the Pearson Assessments (NGSSS) for Biology and US History will be administered beginning April 1, 2020.

End of Course Exams (EOCs) in Algebra, Geometry, Biology and US History will count as 30% of the entire course grade. This means it will affect the first semester grade. Students who do not take their EOC will receive a Zero (0).

Students will have 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 and Pearson assessments. Computer-based practice tests can be reviewed at home at the following links: <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/> and <http://download.pearsonaccessnext.com/fl/fl-practicetest.html?links=true>

### Testing Policies:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, Bluetooth devices (including headphones and earbuds) 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 a student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculators**—\*\**CHANGE in POLICY*\*\* For Algebra and Geometry EOC assessments – students will use the calculator that is provided in the online testing platform on Session TWO of the exam. Any student who is found with a hand held calculator during either session of the test will have their test invalidated. An example of this calculator can be found at <https://fsassessments.org/resources/eoc/>
- **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.
- **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 (including test items, passages, and prompts) 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 understand 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. **\*\*CHANGE in policy from FDOE\*\*** Test administrators/proctors are prohibited from instructing a student to return to check his/her work once he/she is finished (this includes awakening sleeping students).
- **Leaving Campus**—If a 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 a 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 a student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL), the student will be provided the accommodations as stated in his/her plan.

Please review the test dates and May calendar on the next page. Make up test dates are not guaranteed as most students will be taking more than one test. FSA tests are two sessions over two days. **May 6, 7, 12, and 13 - Juniors and Seniors will be excused from school on these days only with prior parental written consent.**

AP Exams will be administered at GJ. Students are excused from school the day they are taking an AP exam. The AP exam dates as well as the criteria for requesting a late test are set by College Board.

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
<b>MAY 2020</b>				<b>1</b> US History EOC (All students enrolled in US History and AP USH History)
<b>4</b> Biology EOC AP Govt a.m.	<b>5</b> AP Calc a.m. AP Human Geo p.m.	<b>6</b> FSA ELA Reading 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> grades (Jr/Sr OFF CAMPUS)  AP Eng Lit a.m. AP Euro p.m.	<b>7</b> FSA ELA Reading 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> grades (Jr/Sr OFF CAMPUS)  AP Chem a.m. AP Physics p.m.	<b>8</b> AP USH a.m. AP Art Hist p.m.
<b>11</b> AP Bio a.m. AP Env Sci p.m.	<b>12</b> FSA Algebra and Geometry EOC (Jr/Sr OFF CAMPUS)  AP Spanish a.m. AP Seminar a.m. AP Psych p.m.	<b>13</b> FSA Algebra and Geometry EOC (Jr/Sr OFF CAMPUS)  AP Eng Lang a.m. AP Micro p.m.	<b>14</b> AP World Hist a.m. AP Macro p.m.	<b>15</b> AP Stats p.m.
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>25</b> HOLIDAY	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	<b>29</b>

**OTHER IMPORTANT TEST DATES:**

- FEB 5: PERT for juniors and seniors who have not yet passed the Algebra EOC.
- FEB 25 & 26: ACT School Day for juniors and seniors who have not met the ELA graduation requirement (two day test, must attend both sessions)
- FEB 27 & 28: Algebra EOC Retake (two day test, must attend both sessions)
- MAR 2: FSA ELA Writing Retake (must complete the Writing section in order to sit for Reading)
- MAR 4 & 5: FSA ELA Reading Retake (two day test, must attend both sessions. Only students who completed the Writing section will be scheduled)
- APR 1: FSA ELA Writing test – 10<sup>th</sup> grade (must complete Writing section in order to sit for Reading)
- APR 2: FSA ELA Writing test – 9<sup>th</sup> grade (must complete Writing section in order to sit for Reading)
- APR 22: PERT for juniors and seniors who have not yet passed the Algebra EOC.