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Florida Assessment of Student Thinking

Parent Workshop

December 5, 2022

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F.A.S.T. Testing Windows

Students in grades Pre-K-8 take assessments three times a year on a computer.

- **Progress Monitoring 1 (PM1): August 17–October 7, 2022**
- **Progress Monitoring 2 (PM2): December 5–January 27, 2023**
- **Progress Monitoring 3 (PM3): May 1–June 2, 2023**

***Students will take only one subject per day.**
***Students in Algebra and Geometry will not take the Mathematics assessment.**

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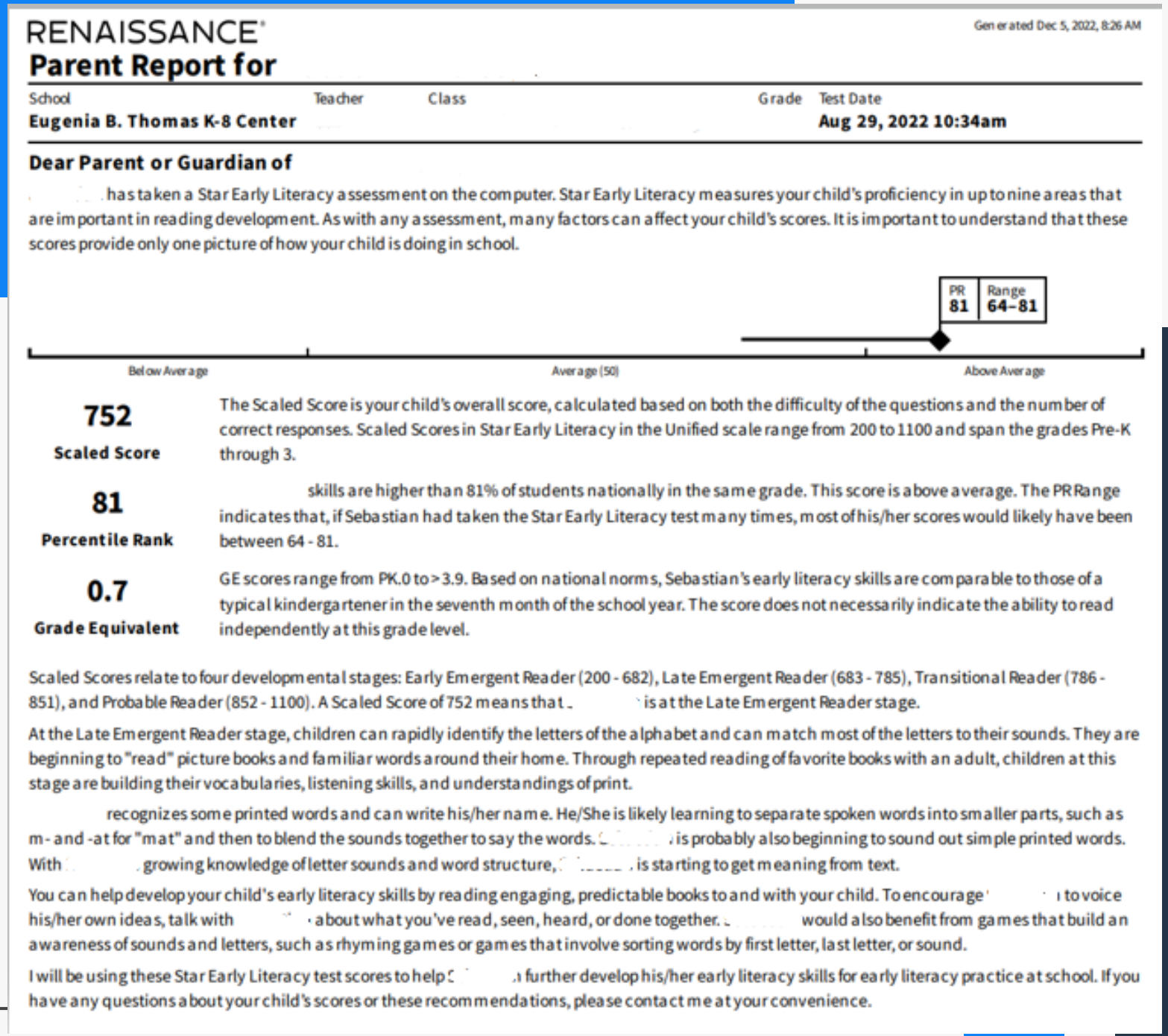
Pre-K

- Star Early Literacy only
- Computer-Adaptive
- Headphones required



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School	Teacher	Class	Grade	Test Date
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Below Average | Average (50) | Above Average

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Grades K–2

Grade	Subject	PM1	PM2	PM3
Kindergarten	Reading	Star Early Literacy	Star Early Literacy or Star Reading*	Star Early Literacy or Star Reading*
	Math	Star Math	Star Math	Star Math
Grade 1	Reading	Star Early Literacy	Star Early Literacy or Star Reading*	Star Reading**
	Math	Star Math	Star Math	Star Math
Grade 2	Reading	Star Reading*	Star Reading*	Star Reading*
	Math	Star Math	Star Math	Star Math

*All Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will take the Star Early Literacy for PM1. If a student scores at or above 852 on Star Early Literacy, the student will take Star Reading on subsequent administrations. If a student scores below 852 on Star Reading, the student may take Star Early Literacy in the subsequent administration.

**All Grade 1 students must attempt Star Reading in PM3 if not already taking Star Reading.

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Grades K–2 Session Lengths

Subject	Item Time Limit	Items per Test	Average Test Length
Star Early Literacy	90 seconds per item	27	10–20 minutes
Star Reading	60 seconds per item (first 10 items) 120 seconds per item (remaining skill items)	34	15–20 minutes
Star Math	3 minutes per item	34	20–30 minutes

Please note the following:

- Students with testing with accommodations will be assigned extended time if indicated on their Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.
- Audio is enabled for all items on Star Early Literacy and Star Math. Oral presentation is allowable on Star Reading for students with this accommodation and is administered by a human reader for test questions and response options only.
- Headphones are required for Star Early Literacy and Star Mathematics.
- Students must be provided with blank scratch paper for all FAST Mathematics tests.

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Grades K–2 Sample Test Materials

Sample test materials (STMs) contain sample test items aligned to the B.E.S.T. Standards and allow teachers, parents/guardians, and students to become familiar with the various item types that will be encountered on the assessments. Please note the following:

- The K–2 practice resources are booklets that show examples of Star test items.

- Students must successfully answer practice questions at the beginning of each session before they can enter the actual test. The purpose of these practice items is to familiarize students with the testing platform and marking responses to test items.

STMs may be accessed on the FAST Portal at https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star

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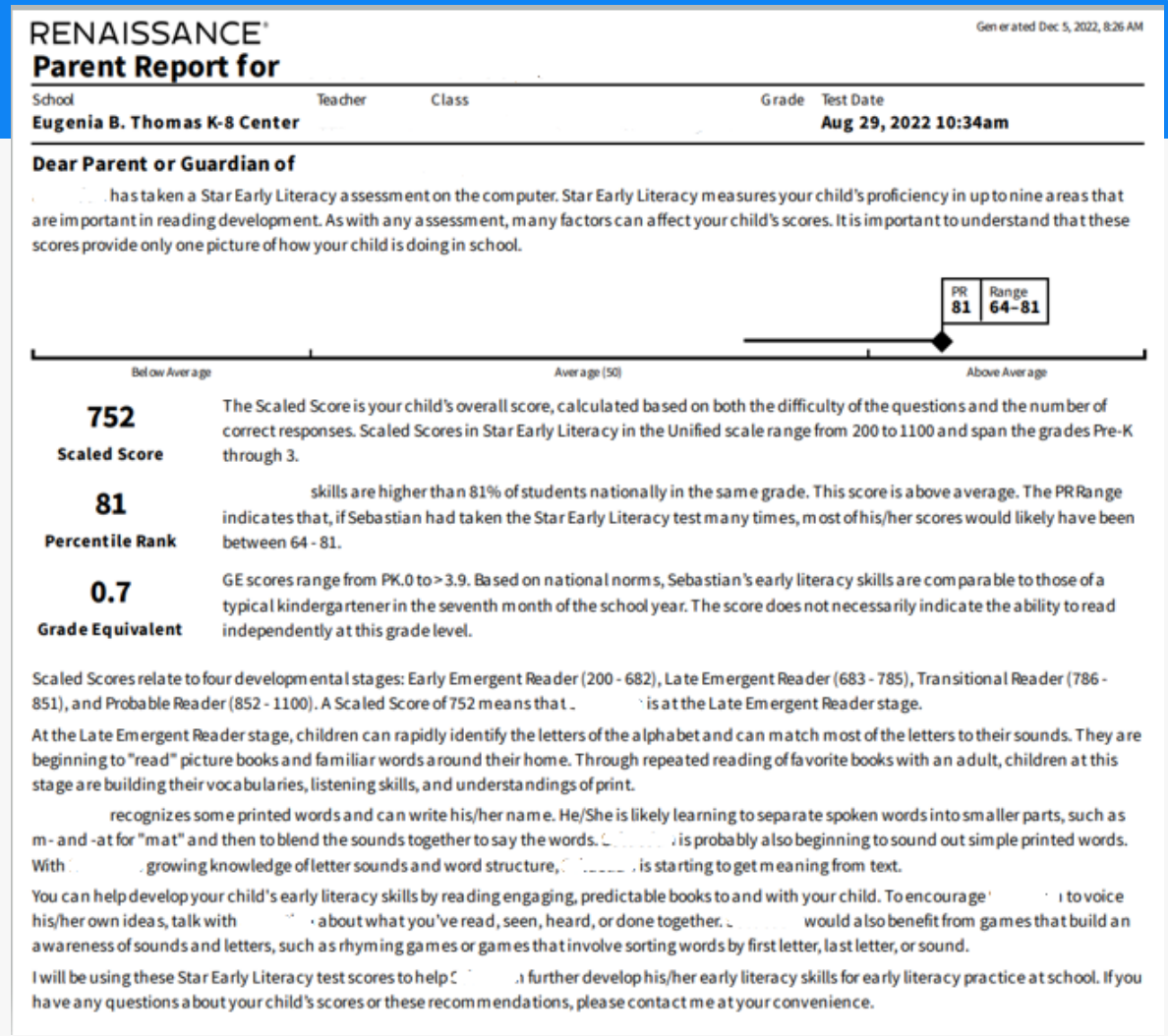
Grades K–2 F.A.S.T. Reporting

For the 2022–23 school year, K–2 Reading and Mathematics scores will be reported based on the following:

- Students will receive an overall scale score and percentile rank.
- Students will also receive the grade equivalent, which indicates the grade placement of students for whom a particular score is typical.
- In addition, students will receive the Instructional Reading Level (IRL) and Lexile Range (Star Reading Only).



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Grades 3-8

- Grades 3–8 FAST ELA Reading & Mathematics assessments are aligned to the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards.
- Because all FAST assessments are computer-adaptive, items may become progressively harder as students successfully respond to items and easier if students answer more questions incorrectly.
- Each assessment is tied to a blueprint for the full grade-level content. The ELA and Mathematics blueprints show how many items in each reporting category students will encounter during each PM window.
- For the Mathematics assessment
    - A scratch paper will be provided for grades 3-8.
    - A printed reference sheet will be provided for grades 4-8.
    - A handheld calculator will be provided for grades 6-8.

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Grades 3–8 Session Lengths

Grades/Subject	PM1 and PM2	PM3*
Grades 3–10 ELA Reading	Up to 90 Minutes	120 Minutes
Grades 3–5 Mathematics	Up to 80 Minutes	100 Minutes
Grades 6–8 Mathematics	Up to 100 Minutes	120 Minutes

*The PM3 administration is slightly longer than PM1 and PM2 because the assessments contain embedded field test items.

- For PM1 and PM2, if students are still working at the end of that time, the student may continue until they finish the test (up to the end of the school day).
- For PM3, students must be provided with the total time indicated in the table.
- Students with testing with accommodations will be provided allowable accommodations as indicated on their Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.
- Eligible ESOL students will be provided with a Heritage Language Translation Dictionary and extended time.

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Please note the following:

- While students are encouraged to use STMs, practice test sessions are not required prior to testing.
- For students taking grades 6–8 Mathematics, it is strongly encouraged that they become familiar with the online calculator prior to testing.
- STMs may be accessed on the FAST Portal at https://login4.cambiumtds.com/student_core/V73/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Florida_PT&a=Student

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Grades 3-8 F.A.S.T. Reporting

For the 2022–23 school year, the following information for grades 3–10 FAST ELA Reading and grades 3–8 FAST Mathematics will be reported:

- Provisional scores will be linked to an FSA equivalent scale.
- Students will receive an overall scale score and achievement level for the overall scale score on the equivalent scale.
- Students will also receive reporting category scale scores and achievement levels for reporting categories.
- After the close of the window, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) will report percentile ranks at the student level for parents.

*Students in grade 3 must achieve a Level 2 or higher on PM3 of the Grade 3 FAST ELA Reading Assessment for promotion purposes. For more information on this requirement, as well as good cause exemption information for students who score in Level 1, please see the Third Grade Guidance page on the FDOE website.

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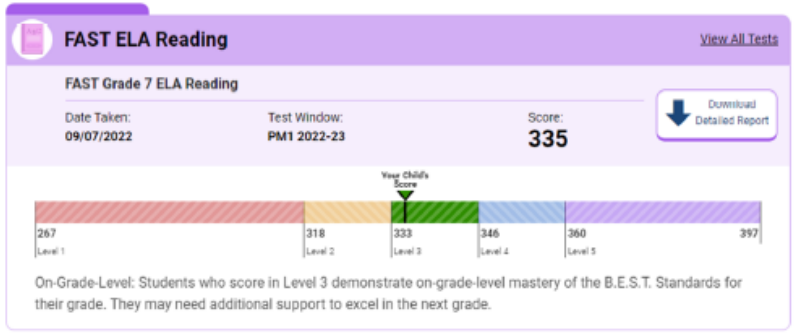
SAMPLE: Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Progress Monitoring (PM) result



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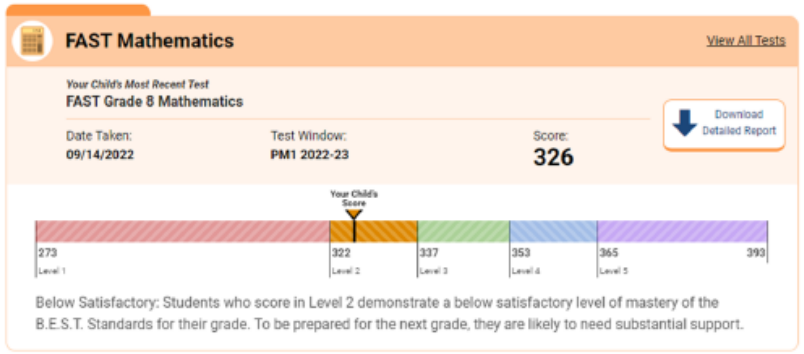

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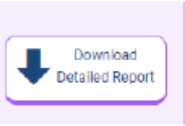

- Glossary, Guide and Resources drop-down menus provide additional information:

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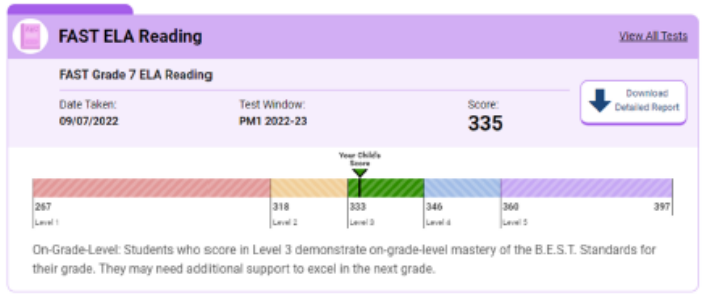

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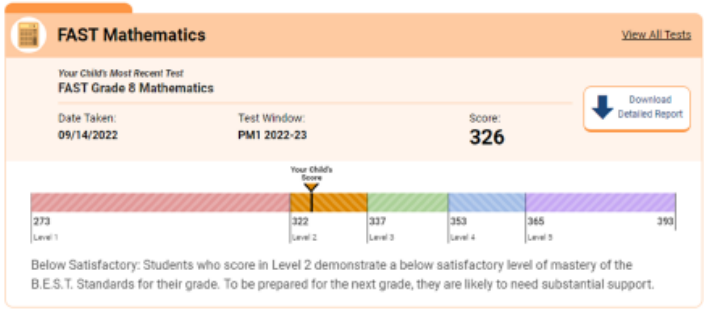

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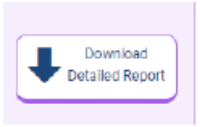

- Información adicional mediante los menús disponibles, el glosario, y la guía de recursos:

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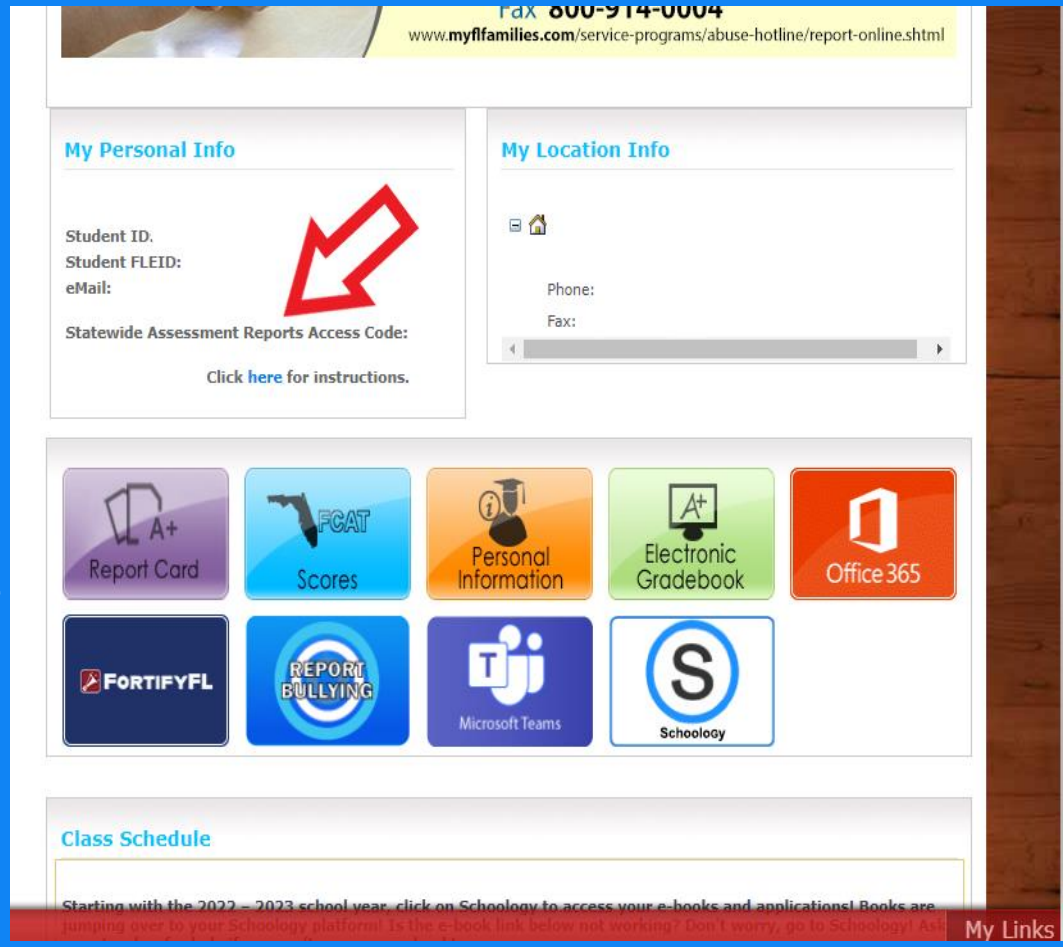
Where do I get the Access Code?

- Go to www.dadeschools.net
- Click on Portal
- Enter the Student's Username and Password
- Click Login
- Scroll down to the section labeled My Personal Info
- The Access Code will be displayed under Statewide Assessment Reports Access Code



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How to Access the Family Portal

The new Family Portal provides a central location for your student's assessment results.

The Family Portal can be used to

- access your student's results for the Florida Statewide Assessments (FSA & NGSSS);
- print score reports

How can I access the Family Portal?

- At the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal: https://fsassessments.org/
- Or at the direct link: https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/

What information do I need to log in to the Family Portal?

- Your student's unique six-digit access code (available on the MDCPS Student Portal).
- Your student's date of birth.
- Your student's name as it appears on his or her official school record.

What information can I find on the Family Portal?

- Your student's results from the 2020-2021 school year
- Your student's Individual Score Reports with interpretative guides.
- Glossary
- FAQs
- Performance Levels

Where do I get the Access Code?

Your student's access code will be available on the MDCPS Student Portal. For issues with the Access Code or accessing the Family Portal, contact your student's school.

Cómo acceder al Portal para la familia

El nuevo Portal para la familia proporciona una ubicación central para los resultados de los exámenes de su estudiante.

El Portal para la familia se puede utilizar para

- acceder a los resultados de exámenes estatales de Florida (FSA y NGSSS) de su estudiante;
- imprimir informes con los resultados de exámenes

¿Cómo puedo acceder al portal para la familia?

- En el portal de exámenes estatales de Florida: https://fsassessments.org/
- O en el enlace directo: https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/

¿Qué información necesito para iniciar sesión en el Portal para la familia?

- El código de acceso exclusivo de seis dígitos de su estudiante (disponible en el Portal para estudiantes de MDCPS)
- La fecha de nacimiento de su estudiante
- El nombre de su estudiante como aparece en su expediente escolar oficial

¿Qué información puedo encontrar en el Portal para la familia?

- Los resultados de su estudiante para el curso escolar 2020-2021
- Los informes de resultados individuales de su estudiante con guías interpretativas
- Glosario
- Preguntas frecuentes
- Niveles de rendimiento

¿Dónde obtengo el código de acceso?

El código de acceso de su estudiante estará disponible en el portal para estudiantes de MDCPS. Si tiene problemas con el código de acceso o el acceso al Portal para la familia, comuníquese con la escuela de su estudiante.

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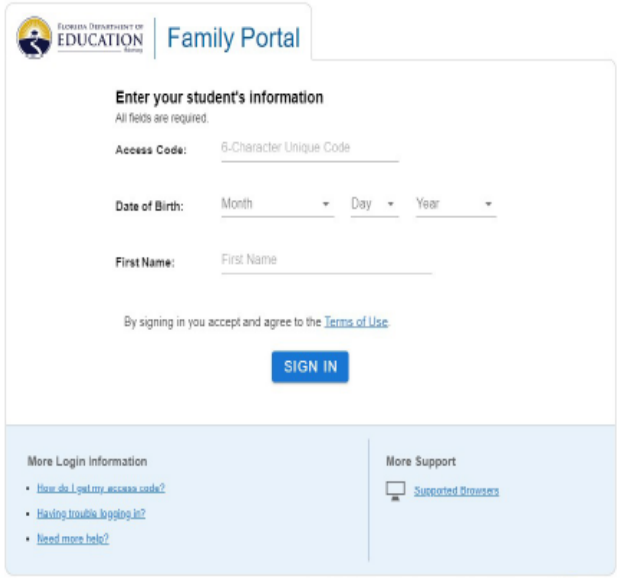
Access to the Family Portal

The Florida Department of Education's Family Portal allows students and their families to view test results. The Family Portal displays the student's most recent test results on the homepage. Families can select "view all tests" to view all of their student's test results. Families can also view their student's Individual Score Reports (ISRs) with quick access to Interpretative Guides, Glossary, and Frequently Asked Questions.

- Visit the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal: https://flfast.org/fast.html or go to the direct link: https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/#/

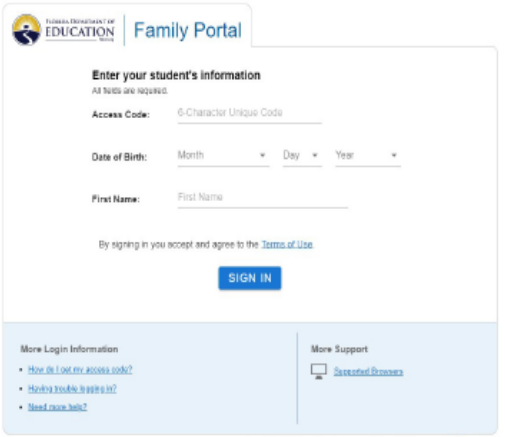


- Type student's unique six-digit access code (available on the M-DCPS Student Portal); student's date of birth; student's first name and Sign In
- Select the School Year drop-down menu to view test results from prior years:

Acceso al Portal para Familias (*Family Portal*)

El Portal del Departamento de Educación de Florida (*Florida Department of Education*) destinado a las familias les permite a los estudiantes y sus familias ver los resultados de los exámenes. El portal para Familias (*Family Portal*) muestra en la página de inicio los resultados más recientes de los exámenes del estudiante. Las familias pueden escoger la sección "ver todos los exámenes" ("*view all tests*") donde encontrarán los resultados de sus estudiantes. A su vez, las familias también pueden ver los informes de las calificaciones individuales (*Individual Score Reports*, ISR, por sus siglas en inglés) de sus estudiantes con acceso rápido a guías interpretativas, glosario y preguntas frecuentes.

- Visite el Portal de Evaluaciones Estatales de Florida (*Florida Statewide Assessments Portal)* en: https://flfast.org/fast.html o vaya al enlace directo: https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/#/



- Ingrese el código de acceso único de seis dígitos del estudiante, disponible en el portal del estudiante (*Student Portal*) de las M-DCPS, la fecha de nacimiento del estudiante, los nombres y apellidos del estudiante y haga clic en inicio de sesión (*sign in*).
- Seleccione del menú en el que se muestra el curso escolar (*School Year drop-down menu*) para ver los resultados de los exámenes de años anteriores:

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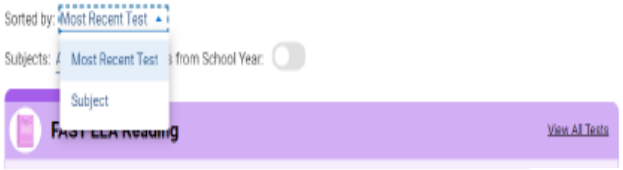

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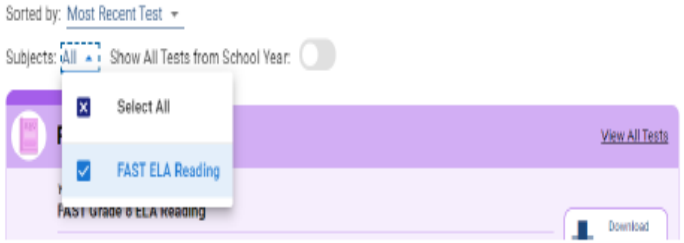

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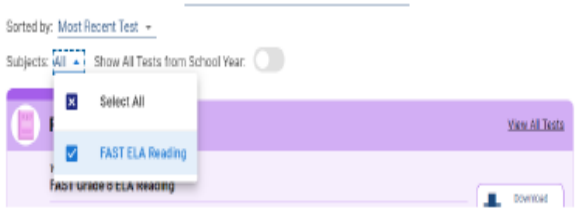

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