

The background is a solid tan color. On the left side, there are several overlapping geometric shapes: a large triangle with fine horizontal lines, a solid orange triangle, and a solid grey triangle. In the center and right, there are several paper airplane icons. Three are tan and positioned vertically, each with a dotted line trailing behind it. One is green and positioned horizontally on the right, also with a dotted line trailing behind it.

# **END-OF-YEAR STATE ASSESSMENTS**

Azalea Middle

2022-2023

# WHO?

All three grade-levels for  
**ELA/READING & Math!**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Students!**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders taking Civics and/or Algebra!**

# WHAT?

FAST ELA Reading & FAST Mathematics

Statewide Science Assessment (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)

Civics & Algebra End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments

# WHEN?

Third Administration of the FAST ELA & MATH ASSESSMENTS  
("PM3"): May 1–29, 2023

1–29 May

Civics & Algebra EOCs: May 1–26

2023

8–19 May

8th Grade Science Assessment: May 8–19, 2023

## WHERE?

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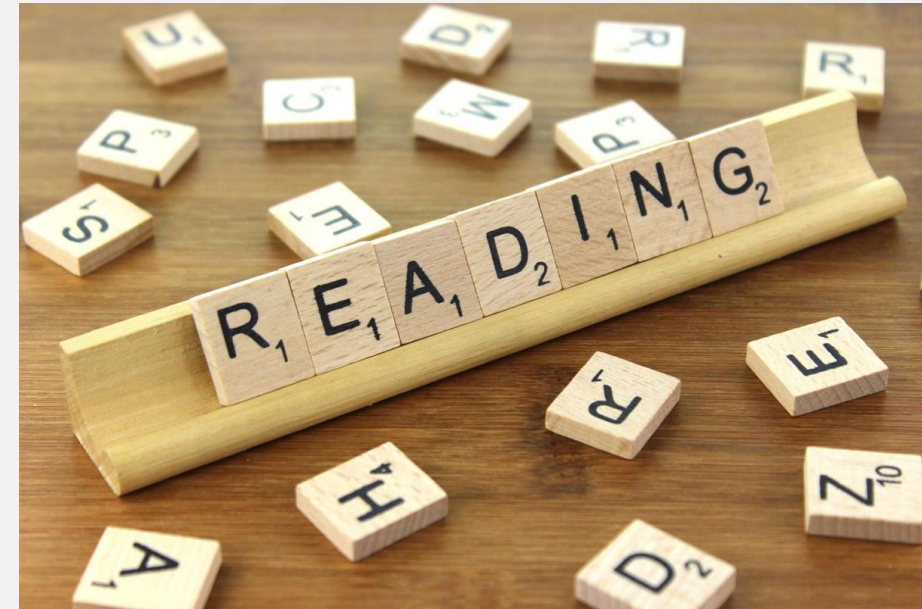
Most students will test in a large group in the Media Center!

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Students with testing accommodations on their 504 or IEP, will test in computer labs with an ESE teacher or interventionist.

# WHAT IS THE FAST ELA TEST?

- Between 36-40 questions covering three of the reading BEST categories
  - Reading Prose and Poetry
  - Reading Informational Text
  - Reading Across Genres
- Students can score between Level 1-5
  - Level 1 or 2 – Students will have a reading class as an elective (mandated by law)
  - Level 3, 4 or 5 – Student gains an extra elective which includes AP classes and classes for high school programs



# HOW CAN I HELP WITH LANGUAGE ARTS/READING?

## Know your data!

- Every parent and child has focus access
- Check the scores under test history to see which specific standards your student needs help with
- With that knowledge, watching Khan Academy videos on the topic, use Noodle, iReady lessons, etc.

## Read Often!

Reading often is the key. There are a variety of text students can read to increase their ability.

Reading articles of topics students are interested in, graphic novels, comic books, or a book to a younger sibling or cousin

Have conversations around what was read. What were the major events in the story or summarize what you read.

Your local library, school library, or clever apps (Sora and MackinVia) can help find great books for your child!

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out!

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# WHAT IS THE FAST MATH TEST?

- 40 question assessment – covers topics of the entire year
- You can score from a 1 to a 5
  - 3, 4 and 5 are on and above grade level
- Score on this test determines class placement for next year

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Level 1 or 2 – Regular 7th Grade Math</li><li>• Level 3, 4, or 5 – Accelerated 7th Grade Math</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Level 1 or 2 – Regular 8th Grade Pre-Algebra</li><li>• Level 3, 4, or 5 – Algebra I Honors (high school course)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Level 1 or 2 – Algebra I AB in high school (90 minutes every day)</li><li>• Level 3, 4, or 5 – Algebra I A OR B in high school (90 minutes every other day)</li></ul>



# WHAT IS THE ALGEBRA I EOC?

- About 65 question assessment – covers topics of the entire year
- This test is a high school graduation requirement
  - Level 1 or 2 – Students will need to take the EOC again (as many times as needed until they pass) before they graduate
  - Level 3, 4 or 5 – Student have one high school requirement complete before leaving middle school :)



# HOW CAN I HELP WITH MATH?

## IXL

- Students are given 2 IXL assignments each week
  - Answer 40 questions (topics assigned by teacher)
  - Work in the diagnostic until they have a pinpointed score (about 10 minutes per week)

## Intervention

We have a program that takes place during the school day to help students earn a proficient score on the FAST Test.

Over 200 students are currently enrolled.

Ask your child if they are a part of the group, if they are showing up to their session.

If your child is not a part of this group, but they want to be, reach out to me to make that happen

- [Conroyj@pcsb.org](mailto:Conroyj@pcsb.org)
- 727-314-2199 (text is preferred)

# CALCULATORS IN MATH

- ALL students get to use a calculator on the FAST Test and EOC for EVERY question!!!!
- Knowing how to use this tool correctly is super important.

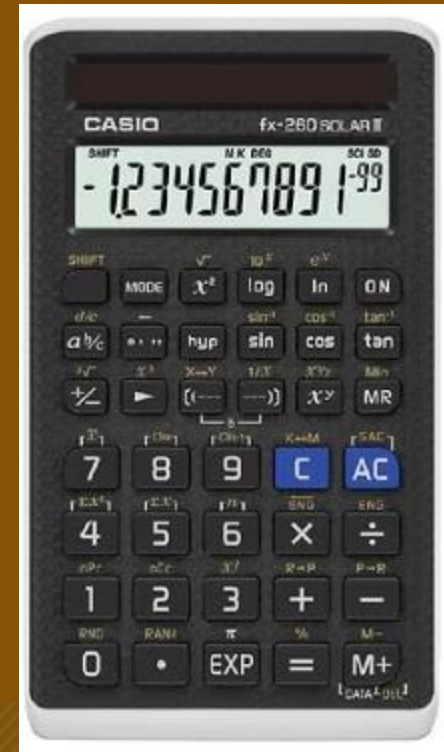
**6th Grade**

**TI 108**



**7th, 8th, and Algebra I**

**Casio fx 260 SOLAR**



# WHAT IS THE CIVICS EOC?

The *Civics EOC* is given in one 160-minute session with a 10-minute break after the first 80 minutes.

You will be responding to between 52-56 questions during this time. They will consist of the following:

Civics	Origins and Purposes of Law and Government	25%
	Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of Citizens	25%
	Government Policies and Political Processes	25%
	Organization and Function of Government	25%

**Low** – fact recall

**Moderate** – analyze or explain

**High** – apply what you know

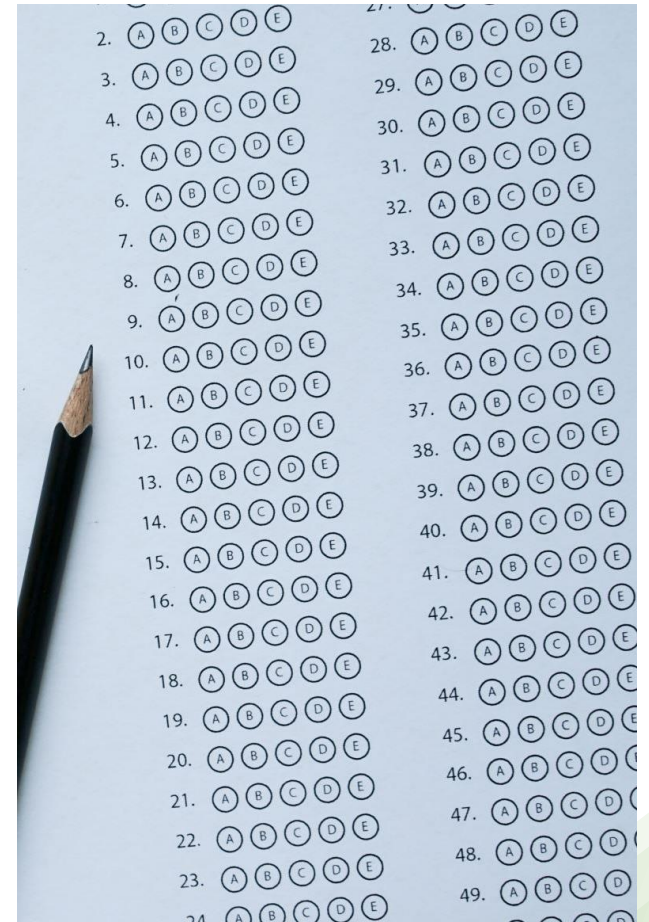


DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE

Level	Thinking Skills
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify or recall a fact, a definition, or a simple procedure</li> <li>Use a chart, table, diagram, graph, or image to recall or recognize information</li> <li>Identify the characteristics of a group, place, or event</li> </ul>
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze cause-and-effect relationships</li> <li>Identify the significance of events, actions, personalities, and ideas</li> <li>Categorize people, places, events, and ideas</li> <li>Determine the relationships between events, actions, personalities, and ideas</li> <li>Explain problems, patterns, and issues</li> </ul>
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solve problems</li> <li>Generalize</li> <li>Draw conclusions</li> <li>Provide justifications for events and actions</li> <li>Make predictions</li> <li>Analyze the effects of ideas and events</li> <li>Recognize and explain misconceptions</li> <li>Analyze similarities and differences</li> </ul>

# How can I prepare for the CIVICS EOC?

- This is a reading style assessment.
- Mark for review, any questions that you are unsure of to come back to later before submitting your assessment.
- The Civics EOC counts for 30% of your final civics grade. Use all the time allotted to test.
- You can go online and work with some practice exams to help get you familiar with the questioning style:  
<https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5663/urlt/FCLESampleItem.pdf>
- [https://login4.cambiumtds.com/student\\_core/V92/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Florida\\_PT&a=Student](https://login4.cambiumtds.com/student_core/V92/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Florida_PT&a=Student)
- [https://www.flvs.net/docs/default-source/myflvs/eoc/mj-civics-eoc-practice-test.pdf?sfvrsn=226c7b2a\\_4](https://www.flvs.net/docs/default-source/myflvs/eoc/mj-civics-eoc-practice-test.pdf?sfvrsn=226c7b2a_4)





## WHAT IS THE STATEWIDE SCIENCE ASSESSMENT (SSA)?

- Covers topics from 6th, 7th, AND 8th grade
- ALL 8th graders take this test
- You can score from a 1 to a 5
  - 3, 4 and 5 are on and above grade level
- High Schools may use these scores to help determine 9th grade Science classes
- Paper-based, NOT on a computer



### What type of science is covered?

Nature of Science	Earth and Space Science	Physical Science	Life Science
19%	27%	27%	27%

# HOW CAN I HELP WITH SCIENCE?

## Streaming and YouTube

- Bill Nye
- Generation Genius
- Crash Course
- Science Documentaries:
  - NatGeo, Planet Earth, Cosmos, PBS Nature, The Planets,
- While watching a younger sibling :)
  - Emily's Wonder Lab
  - The Magic School Bus

## Science success is linked to other skills!

READING - prepares for understanding questions with scenarios or background information given on the SSA.

MATH - prepares for interpreting the graphs, tables, and data given on the SSA

Discuss test taking skills for multiple choice questions – what did you used to do?

Explore the science behind their interests; animals, electronics, sports, art - all have connections with science!

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