

**District Communication to VPK-2 Families**

Dear Pinellas County Schools VPK through Grade 2 families,

As you know, students recently took their first state progress monitoring tests. For students in VPK through grade 2, assessments included the following:

- NEW Star Early Literacy (VPK-Grade 1) - early reading and number skills
- NEW Star Reading (Grade 2 only) - reading skills
- NEW Star Math (KG-Grade 2) - mathematics skills

Please know that the assessment make-up window is still open so if your child has not yet taken the assessment, the result information below will be sent after they have completed it. For this first progress monitoring assessment, the school will send the results home for your review. The results will include:

- **Early Literacy Assessment (VPK-1)**
  - The report contains detailed information about student scores including:
    - an overall score (Scaled Score)
    - how your child's score compares to other children who took the test (Percentile Rank)
    - an approximate reading level that indicates the reading level of books that are just right for your child (a Lexile Level)
- **STAR Reading Assessment (Grade 2)**
  - The report contains detailed information about student scores including:
    - an overall score (Scaled Score)
    - how your child's score compares to other children who took the test (Percentile Rank)
    - an approximate reading level that indicates the reading level of books that are just right for your child (Lexile Level)
    - the reading level that the teacher will be using to teach your child (Instructional Reading Level)
- **STAR Math Assessment (Grade 1 and 2)**
  - The report contains detailed information about student scores including:
    - an overall score (Scaled Score)
    - how your child's score compares to other children throughout the state (Percentile Rank)

To learn more about how to interpret these results, and what they mean for your student, please contact your student's teacher(s). Your teacher can provide individual ways for you to support your student's learning.

Thank you.

***District Communication to Grades 3-10 Families***

Dear Pinellas County Schools Grades 3-10 families,

As you know, students recently took their first state progress monitoring tests. Please know that the assessment make-up window is still open so if your child has not yet taken the assessment, the result information below will be sent after they have completed it.

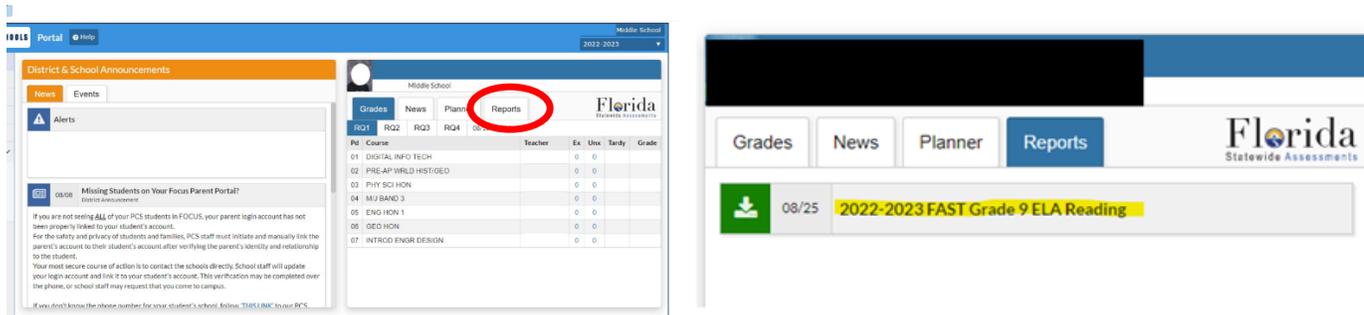
For students in grades 3-10, assessments included the following:

- NEW FAST English Language Arts/Reading assessment (Grades 3-10)
- NEW FAST Mathematics assessment (Grades 3-8)

Students will also continue to take the following assessments:

- Statewide Science Assessment (Grades 5 and 8)
- End of Course (EOC) exams in Algebra 1, Biology 1, Civic, Geometry and U.S. History

You can access your student’s assessment results using the [FOCUS parent portal](https://focus.pcsb.org/focus/index.php) at <https://focus.pcsb.org/focus/index.php>. After logging in, from the home screen, click on the REPORTS tab. The REPORTS tab will contain your student’s score report.



It is important to note that this report shows how much of the current grade level standards your child has mastered at this time. **The assessments contain information that is expected to be taught throughout the entire school year. For this reason, it is possible for scores to appear low after the first test but improve as the mid-year and end-of-year assessments are taken.**

**The Florida Department of Education has issued a [FAST 3-10 Reporting Guide for Families](#) with comprehensive information on how to read and interpret the results.**

Additional information about FAST assessments and B.E.S.T. education standards is available at the following websites:

- [www.fldoe.org/fast/](http://www.fldoe.org/fast/)
- [www.flfast.org/families](http://www.flfast.org/families)
- [www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/](http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/)
- [www.pcsb.org/fast](http://www.pcsb.org/fast)

Please contact your student’s teachers for more detailed information about how these results may guide future instruction in the classroom, and for information on how you can assist your child with home practice programs and tutoring options.

Also, follow Pinellas County Schools on [Facebook](#) and look for our Facebook Live event with members of our Assessment, Accountability and Research team that will explain the new assessments and give you the opportunity to ask questions.

Thank you.