

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Students participating in a Home Education Program must provide the Osceola School District with an annual academic evaluation. **One acceptable method** for meeting this requirement is a state assessment test, such as the **Florida’s Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.), Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST), Florida Statewide Science, or an End of Course (EOC) assessment**, depending on grade level and course enrollment. These assessments must be taken at the **school for which the student is zoned** under testing conditions approved by the school district.

We are pleased to announce the 2024-2025 Assessment Schedule. Attached is a detailed test schedule with specific dates and pertinent grade levels. You may also reference the 2024-2025 Testing Calendars at the Osceola County School District’s, Research, Evaluation, and Accountability Department webpage:

<https://www.osceolaschools.net> > Departments > Research, Evaluation, and Accountability > [District Assessment Calendar](#)

Students may only take the assessment associated with the grade level in which they are enrolled.

If you choose to participate in this **voluntary program**, it is essential that you contact the Home Education office **by the deadlines** outlined in the 2024-2025 Home Education Schedule of Assessments. Doing so will ensure that the proper number of assessment instruments are ordered and seats at the school are reserved for your child. In most cases, **it will not be possible to accept requests for testing after the deadlines**. If your child is approved for testing accommodations, the school’s testing coordinator will contact you directly with further details on the Spring 2025 Assessments.

Please be aware if you choose to have your student participate in any of the Spring 2025 Test Administration exam offerings, the student will be expected to have a **photo ID** and adhere to the District’s Student Code of Conduct and Safety and Social Distancing Guidelines while on any Osceola school campus.

We wish you success and satisfaction as you continue to instruct your child through the Home Education Program. Please feel free to contact Educational Choices and Innovation Department, at 407-483-3660 or homeeducation@osceolaschools.net if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Adriana Casillas

Supervisor of Educational Choices and Innovation Programs

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