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Discovery Intermediate School Mission:

The Discovery Community will engage in effective and consistent collaboration that encompasses standard based education and differentiated instruction to meet the social and academic needs of all students within a positive learning environment.



April 28, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Grade 6 ELA Reading and Grade 6 Mathematics assessments on the following days:

ELA Reading: May 3 & May 4—will test both days Mathematics: May 5 & May 6—will test both days

Your student has had an opportunity to participate in a practice session to become familiar with the item types and response formats he or she will see on the FSA assessments. If you or your student would like to review the materials, paper-based practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/>.

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2021 grade-level assessments, please see the 2020–2021 Florida Statewide Grade-Level Assessments Fact Sheet.

This test is only offered on-campus in-person with no virtual option. All students will be expected to follow safety and social distancing procedures when scheduled to test on campus. These safety procedures include students wearing face coverings before, during and after testing. Students are also expected to bring their own materials needed for testing.

Student Brought Materials: Students will be provided with all materials; however, students may bring their own No. 2 pencils (NO mechanical pencils, pens, or other writing device).

Students doing digital learning at home are required to come on campus and test. Students need to report to campus on all 4 days (May 3-6), with an arrival time of no later than 9:00am. Students will check-in in the courtyard and then report to the cafeteria upon arrival. Breakfast and lunch are available for all students. Students should be in dress code.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, 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 your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculators**—Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3–6 Mathematics tests.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student's test and answer book 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 by signing below the statement in their test and answer book.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states: "Because the content in 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 to social media sites." Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them 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.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your 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 your 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 your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Melinda Fisher or Gary Dunn at 407-343-7300. For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at www.FSAssessments.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Henry Santiago, Principal

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