Elementary Testing Updates

2023/2024

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Glossary and Terms

- **B.E.S.T**- Benchmark in Excellent student thinking standards
- **CBT**- Computer Based Test
- **ELA**- English Language Arts
- **FAST**- Florida assessment of student thinking
- **PM**- Progress Monitoring

Florida Assessment Portal https://flfast.org

K-2 Students FAST Assessment STAR

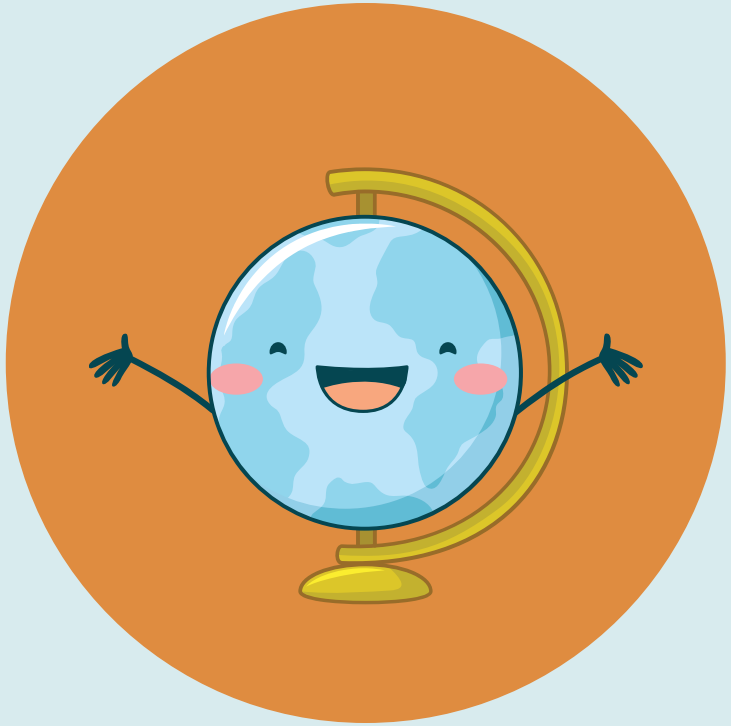
- All K-2 students will take Reading & Math exam
- Kindergarten exams are aligned to the Florida Early Learning & Developmental Standards
- Grades 1 & 2 are aligned to B.E.S.T. Standards

Exam Administration

- Renaissance will be utilized as the Testing Platform
  - Each exam will be administered in one session
  - Only one subject will be administered in a day
    - Exam is computer-adaptive
  - Headphones are required during math exam
    - Zoom will be used to monitor students
  - Exam will be administered during class time

Number of Questions

Exam	Amount of Questions	Length of exam
START Early Literacy	27 Questions	Approximately 20 minutes
STAR Reading	34 Questions	Approximately 20 minutes
STAR Mathematics	34 Questions	Approximately 30 minutes



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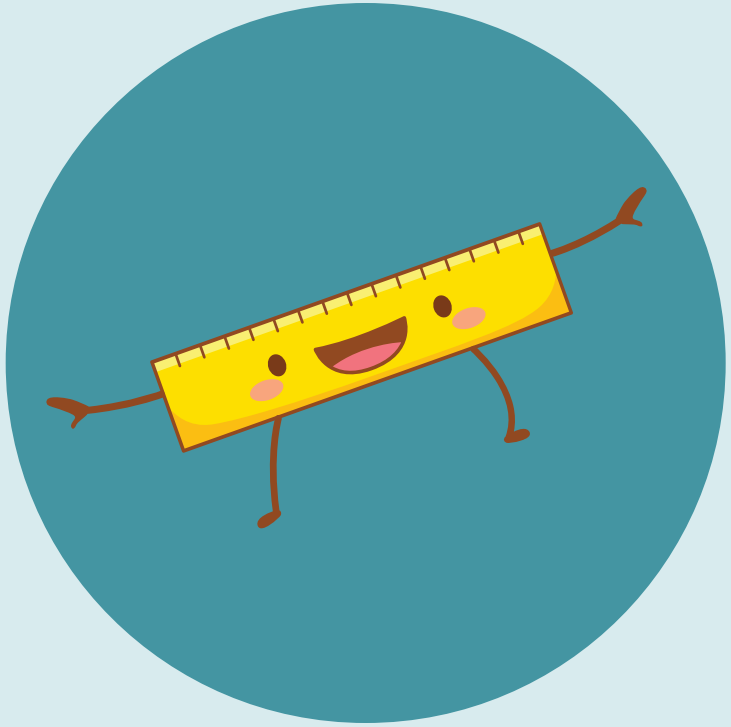
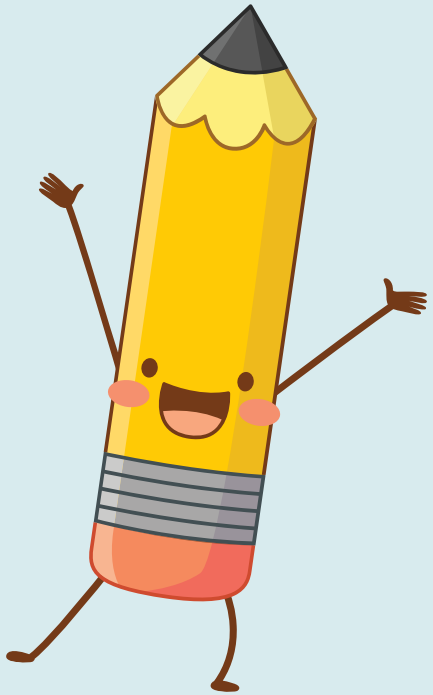


- **Prior to test date:**
  - *Watch video with your child-* https://resources-zone08.renaissance-go.com/Scripts/video/no-touch/SEL_PTI.mp4
  - *Administering STAR Assessments Remotely Family Guide-* https://p.widencdn.net/gq8g45/Family_Administering-Star-Remotely_R63030_200529
  - *Renaissance Technical Recommendations-* https://renaissance.widen.net/view/pdf/h4gqu07t5y/R43121.pdf?t.download=true&u=zceria

On Test Day

- **On test date:**
  - Open Zoom on the date of the exam
  - Link to website/Login page- https://global-zone52.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/393951
  - Select "I'm a Student"
  - Enter login information
  - Username: Miami-Dade County Public School (MDCPS) 7-digit Student ID#
  - Password: Last 4 digits of MDCPS Student ID #

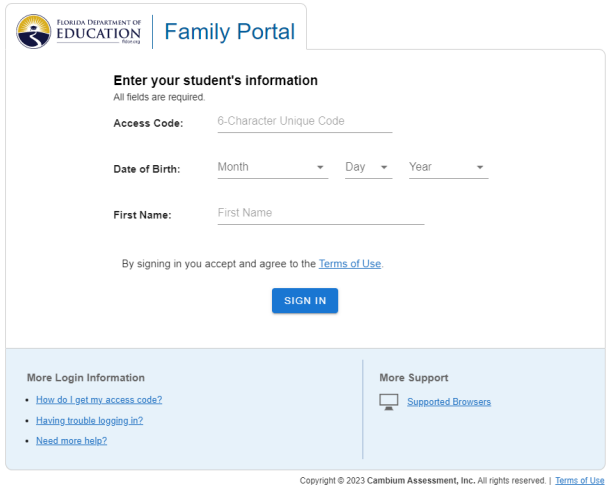


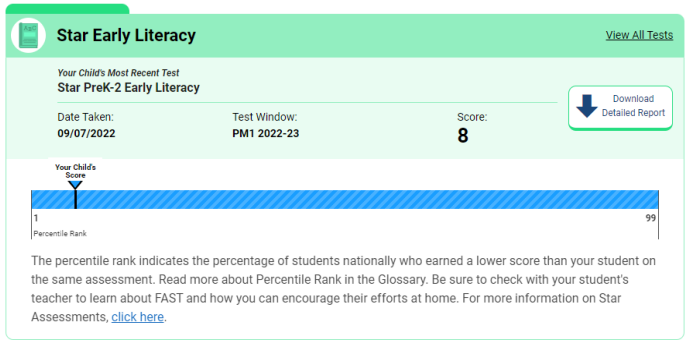
Scores & Reporting

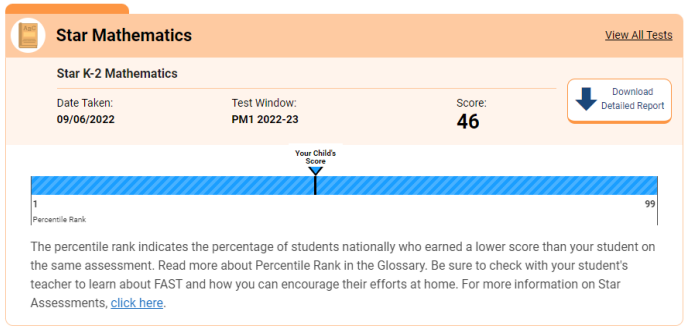
- K-2 Scores will be reported on the Renaissance Growth Platform
- Scores will include Scale Scores & Percentile Ranks
- Teachers will have access to score reports immediately
- Scores must be provided to parents within 2 weeks from test administration

FLDOE Family Portal

- https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/#/
- Access Codes will be emailed directly to email associated with Maestro account







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Parent Report for John Dennison

School	Teacher	Class	Grade	Test Date
A Renaissance Data Elementary School	Literacy, E.	1st Grade	1st	Apr 5, 2022 9:08am

Dear Parent or Guardian of John Dennison:

John has taken a Star Early Literacy assessment on the computer. Star Early Literacy measures your child's proficiency in up to nine areas that are important in reading development. As with any assessment, many factors can affect your child's scores. It is important to understand that these scores provide only one picture of how your child is doing in school.

870
Scaled Score

69
Percentile Rank

BR190L - BR40L
Lexile® Range

The Scaled Score is your child's overall score, calculated based on both the difficulty of the questions and the number of correct responses. Scaled Scores in Star Early Literacy in the Unified scale range from 200 to 1100 and span the grades Pre-K through 3.

John's skills are higher than 69% of students nationally in the same grade. This score is at average. The PR Range indicates that, if John had taken the Star Early Literacy test many times, most of his/her scores would likely have been between 48 - 83.

The Lexile® Range spans reading levels that are appropriately challenging for reading practice. John should be selecting books in this range for optimal growth in reading. This range is approximate. Success at any reading level depends on your child's interest and prior knowledge of a book's content.

Scaled Scores relate to four developmental stages: Early Emergent Reader (200 - 682), Late Emergent Reader (683 - 785), Transitional Reader (786 - 851), and Probable Reader (852 - 1100). A Scaled Score of 870 means that John is at the Probable Reader stage.

Children at the Probable Reader stage are becoming proficient at recognizing many words, both in and out of context. They spend less time identifying and sounding out words and more time understanding what they have read. They can blend sounds and word parts to read words and sentences more quickly, smoothly, and independently.

John is using more complex strategies to decode words and access the meaning of grade-appropriate text. He/She understands that many grade-level words can have similar or opposite meanings. He/She understands that words have different functions. He/She is increasingly able to select books that interest him/her, to monitor his/her own reading, and to self-correct as needed. John is probably able to locate key details in text to answer literal and inferential questions. Also, he/she is probably able to read aloud some easy texts with accuracy, fluency, and expression.

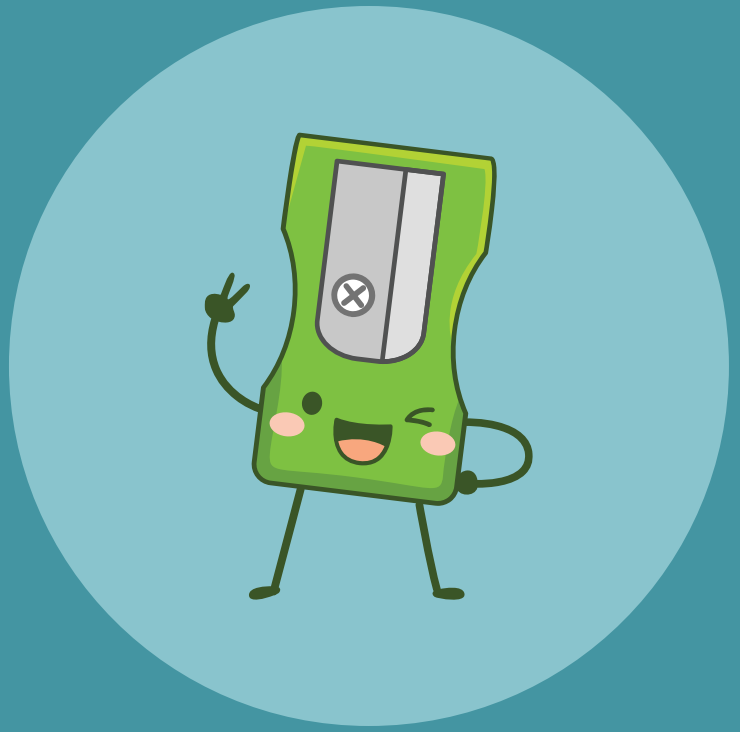
You can encourage your child's growth in reading skills by providing opportunities to read and discuss a variety of books at home. John would also benefit from fun activities, such as playing word games or asking questions that require voicing an opinion or idea.

I will be using these Star Early Literacy test scores to help John further develop his/her early literacy skills for early literacy practice at school. If you have any questions about your child's scores or these recommendations, please contact me at your convenience.

Teacher Signature _____ Date _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Additional comments may be added on the back of this sheet

Grade 3-5 Students
FAST Assessment: CAI



- All 3-5 students will take Reading & Math exam
- Standards aligned to B.E.S.T. Standards
- Exam will be administered through Cambium Assessment Secure Browser
- Exam is computer adaptive
- Grade 3 Reading is still a promotion requirement

PM Exam Administration

- The **FL Secure Browser** will be utilized as the testing platform
- Each exam will be administered in one session
- Only one subject will be administered in a day
- Exam is computer-adaptive
- Zoom must be used to monitor students
- Students should have 2 devices, one for Zoom and their computer/laptop for the Secure Browser
- Exam will be administered during class time

Number of Questions

FAST Reading Grades 3-5

- 36-40 questions
- PM1 & PM2: approximate 90 minutes
- PM3: approximately 120

FAST Math Grades 3-5

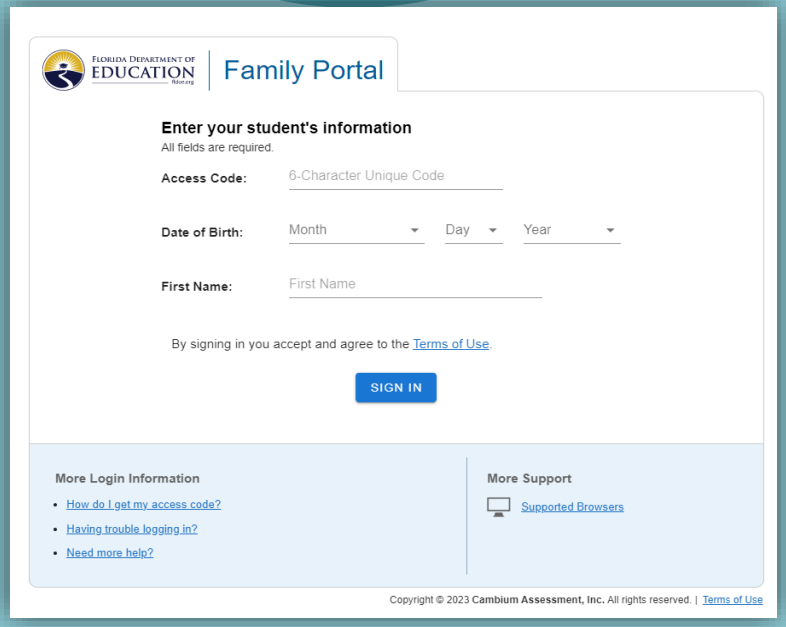
- 35-40 questions
- PM1 & PM2: approximate 80 minutes
- PM3: approximately 100 minutes

Preparing for Testing

- **Prior to test date:**
  - *Install DL Secure Browser for the device that will be used for testing-* https://flfast.org/tech-guide.html#Installing_the_Secure_Browser
  - *Confirm Internet Connection-* https://flfast.org/tech-guide.html#The_Network_Diagnostic_Tool
  - *Complete Audio & Visual Check-* https://flfast.org/-/media/project/client-portals/florida-fast/pdf/manuals-and-user-guides/assistive-technology-manual.pdf
  - *Copy of Math Reference Sheet-* https://flfast.org/-/media/project/client-portals/florida-fast/pdf/subject-specific/fast-best-fsa-mathematics-reference-sheets-packet.pdf
  - Lookout for an email that will be sent to student and Guardian with login credentials

On Test Day

- Open Zoom on the date of the exam until the teacher is able to see student on CAI platform.
- Students are recommended to use 2 devices, one for Zoom and another one for the FL Secure Browser
- Launch FL Secure Browser
- Follow Test Administrator instructions
- Students will login to the FL Secure Browser with:
  - Username- Individual e-mail sent to guardians and students
  - First name- Legal name as stated on school records
  - Session ID- Test Administrator will provide to students on the day of the exam
- Username will be e-mailed directly to Parent/Guardian



Scores & Reporting

- Grade 3-5 Scores will be reported on Cambium's Florida Reporting System
- Scores will include Scale Scores, Achievement Levels & Percentile Ranks
- Parents will have access to student scores within 2 weeks of the administration through the Family Portal
- Access Codes will be emailed to students and guardians
- Access codes are the same as last year

What other exams will my child take

- PM3 Grade 3- FAST Reading & FAST Math
- PM3 Grades 4 & 5: FAST Reading, FAST Math & FAST Writing
- Grade 5 Science Statewide Assessment
  - Computer based test
  - Exam is administered in 2 sessions
    - 2 days/1 session per day

PM1 & PM2 Testing Schedule

Grade	Subject	Testing Window	Date	Time
K	Reading	PM1	9/19/23	During class time
1	Reading	PM1	9/19/23	During class time
2	Reading	PM1	9/19/23	During class time
3	Reading	PM1	9/19/23	During class time
4	Reading	PM1	9/19/23	During class time
5	Reading	PM1	9/19/23	During class time
K	Math	PM1	9/20/23	During class time
1	Math	PM1	9/20/23	During class time
2	Math	PM1	9/20/23	During class time
3	Math	PM1	9/20/23	During class time
4	Math	PM1	9/20/23	During class time
5	Math	PM1	9/20/23	During class time

Grade	subject	Testing Window	Date	Time
K	Reading	PM2	1/10/24	During class time
1	Reading	PM2	1/10/24	During class time
2	Reading	PM2	1/10/24	During class time
3	Reading	PM2	1/10/24	During class time
4	Reading	PM2	1/10/24	During class time
5	Reading	PM2	1/10/24	During class time
K	Math	PM2	1/11/24	During class time
1	Math	PM2	1/11/24	During class time
2	Math	PM2	1/11/24	During class time
3	Math	PM2	1/11/24	During class time
4	Math	PM2	1/11/24	During class time
5	Math	PM2	1/11/24	During class time

End of year exams

- B.E.S.T. Writing- Grades 4 & 5- Administered within first two weeks in April
- All PM3 assessments & 5th Grade Science statewide assessment- May 1 -31

Uniform Policy for testing

- All Grades 3-5 students must go in full uniform for PM3

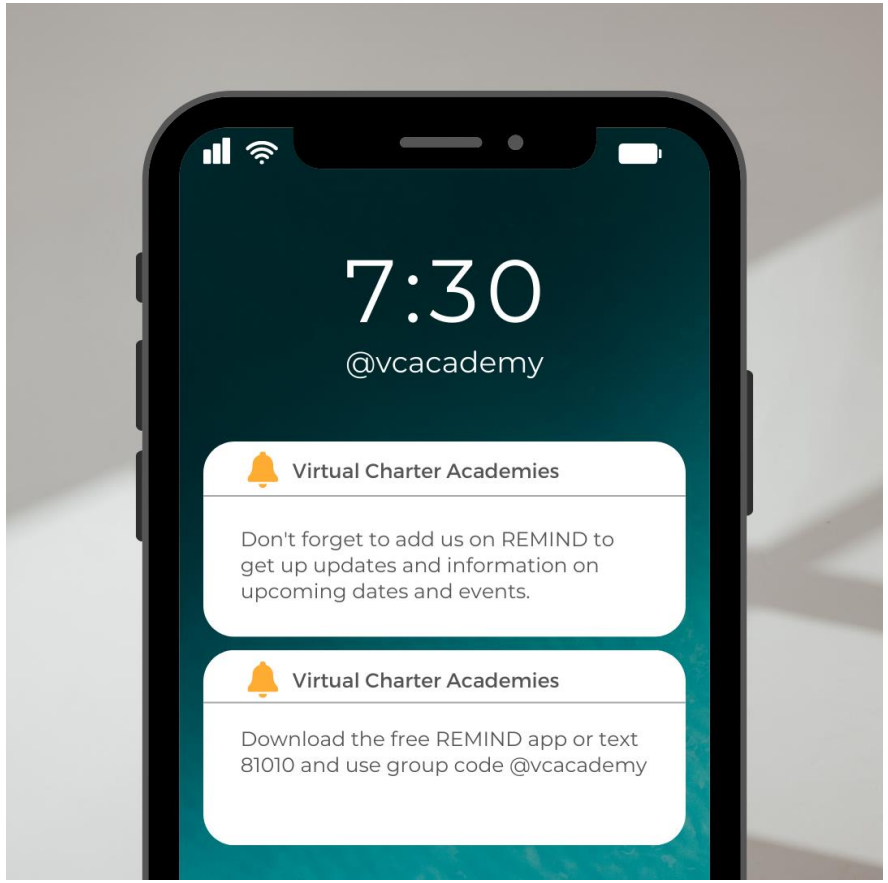
Uniform consist of:

- Solid WHITE POLO or with our Virtual school logo
- Navy Blue or Khaki Pants (NO JEANS)
- Regular Sneakers
  NO CROCS, NO SLIDES, NO SANDALS

Selecting a Test Site

- All students in Grades 3-5 ONLY are required to take the B.E.S.T. Writing, FAST Reading (PM3), FAST Math (PM3), and 5th Grade Science must be in person
- Use the following link to choose a test site convenient for you. This test site will be the same for all assessments

https://forms.office.com/r/bWGm2WHkSP

In order to complete the form you must be logged into your child's Colegia account

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