

Duval HomeRoom District and State Assessment Question and Answer Guide



Why does my child have to physically go to school to test?

- It is required by the Florida Department of Education that all students must take the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) and End-of-Course (EOC) exams from a secured school testing site. Students are not able to test from home or on personal devices.

What is the direct impact of District and State Assessments to my child?

- Results of District Assessments will be used to provide additional support to your child in school.
- FSA and EOC scores are used to determine class placement. Students in 9th or 10th grade who do not take the FSA or EOC may be placed in remediation classes for reading and/or math.
- If a student does not pass the 10th grade ELA FSA, he or she will not graduate with a high school diploma.
- If a student does not pass the End-of-Course Exam (EOC) for Algebra I, the student will not graduate with a high school diploma.
- State assessments in Algebra 1, Biology, Geometry and US History count toward 30% of a student's final average. A low score on any of these assessments can significantly reduce the course grade, as well as the overall Grade Point Average (GPA). This can prevent a student from high school graduation, acceptance into college, and possibly limit the number of college scholarship opportunities.
- FSA/EOC results could impact a student's opportunity to be enrolled in advance courses as well as AP and Dual Enrollment college courses in high school.

What safety measures are in place for my child?

- Safety of testing sites
 - DCPS is providing above and beyond CDC recommendations as they pertain to safety during the pandemic. All schools are completing temperature checks upon admittance to the building. All classrooms have individual desk shields and schools have hand sanitizer for student use. Face masks must be worn at all times, and social distancing will be adhered to while in the building.
 - Students need to arrive at Douglas Anderson 15 minutes prior to the test and may leave after the testing time mandated by the State. This will reduce amount of time a student is in the building.

Will my child be able to use Duval County Public Schools transportation?

- Your child may use the normally provided district bus service on the designated test day(s). If you need assistance with bus routes, please visit Duval County Public Schools website at <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/9229> or contact 904-858-6200.

Will my child be provided documented Section 504 Plan or Individual Education Plan (IEP) accommodations?

- All students will receive documented Section 504 Plan or Individual Education Plans as required by law.
- Students in need of accommodations should report to the school on the designated testing day to test during the same testing times and testing window as their peers unless instructed otherwise. This will ensure schools are adequately staffed to support all students with documented individual needs.

Will my child be able to leave after the test is over?

- Your child can be picked up through the school checkout process once the mandated testing time is over.
 - Students who ride the bus to school may remain on campus in a supervised holding area and ride the afternoon bus home.
 - Students who drive must bring a note signed by their parent/guardian so they may leave after testing. (Please note: There is no parking available on campus. Students may park off campus but do so at their own risk.)
 - Students who are being picked up by a parent should bring a note signed by their parent/guardian to expedite the pick-up process. Parents who send a note will not have to enter the school and wait in line to show identification to check out their child.

Will my child test with other Duval HomeRoom students?

- All Duval HomeRoom students will test together unless there are extenuating circumstances that prevent this practice, e.g., a student requires accommodations that cannot be presented around other students such as read aloud, summarizing information etc.