



DISTRICT & STATE TESTING UPDATE FOR DHR STUDENTS

Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

MEETING OBJECTIVES



**TESTING REQUIREMENTS &
PROCESS FOR DHR STUDENTS**



**PMA 3 TESTING SCHEDULE
& PROCEDURES**



**TESTING FAQs
FOLLOWED BY Q&A**



FSA ELA

Florida Standards Assessment - English Language Arts

READING & WRITING

ENGLISH 1 (GRADE 9)

ENGLISH 2 (GRADE 10) *graduation requirement*



EOC EXAMS

End-of-Course Exams (30% of final average)

ALGEBRA 1 *graduation requirement*

GEOMETRY

BIOLOGY

US HISTORY



PMA 3

Progress Monitoring Assessment

ENGLISH 1 & ENGLISH 2

ALGEBRA 1 & GEOMETRY

BIOLOGY

US HISTORY



Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

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A DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Florida Arts Achieve Model School
2013-2016
FLORIDA ALLIANCE FOR ARTS EDUCATION

NATIONALLY
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Best Academic High Schools
NEWSWEEK
Sixteen years

High School Jazz Competition Winner
THE ESSENTIALLY DUKE ELLINGTON

Top 100 U.S. Public High Schools
U.S. NEWS and WORLD REPORTS

Exemplary School Award
INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS FOR
THE ADVANCEMENT OF ARTS EDUCATION
2012-2016

National Model School of Excellence
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR
LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

National Leader School
U.S. DEPT. OF EDUCATION

February 1, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian of Duval HomeRoom Student,

The Florida Department of Education is requiring all students in grades 8-12 to take their Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) and End of Course (EOC) exams at their school location. There will be no online options or alternative locations available.

In order to meet high school graduation requirements, 10th graders must score a Level 3 or higher on the Grade 10 ELA FSA and earn a passing score on the Algebra I EOC.

In addition, the Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and US History End-of-Course exams are all state assessments that count as 30% of each student's final course grade.

With these factors in mind, we are using the Progress Monitoring Assessment (PMA) #3 as a practice session for FSA.

Each school is prepared to ensure that all COVID safety precautions are followed during the assessment. These precautions will include temperature checks at the front door, required masks for all students and staff, a well-ventilated room away from other students who normally attend school in person, and social distancing adhered to within the testing classroom.

We strongly encourage you to allow your child to take their PMA assessment at their school as a practice for the FSA and EOC exams. This will assist both our students and teachers in becoming familiar with testing in the classroom setting and getting used to the timed sessions prior to these important assessments. The schedule for PMA 3 testing is attached to this letter.

Please indicate your participation below and return to your child's school no later than February 12th.

Please select **one** of the following options by **February 12, 2021**.

- I will bring my child to the school to take their Progress Monitoring Assessment (PMA) #3 as a practice for FSA/EOC, following the attached schedule.
- I have additional questions to ask the school before I can commit to bringing my child in. Please contact me at _____.

Student Name _____ Student # _____

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINTED) _____

Parent/Guardian SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



PMA 3

SCHEDULE & PROCEDURES

PMA 3 SCHEDULE

PMA 3 Testing Schedule for DHR

Subject	Teacher/Class Period(s)	Testing Date	Testing Time	Location
Algebra 1	Allen-Black/B7	Mon, Feb 22nd	10:00am – 1:00pm	Rm 112
Geometry Honors & Standard	Hoffman/A1, B8	Tues, Feb 23rd	8:25am – 11:30am	Gym
Biology Honors & Standard	Warren/A2, A4, B6	Wed, Feb 24th	8:25am – 10:00am	Gym
US History Honors	Swartz/A2	Thurs, Feb 25th	10:00am – 12:00pm	Gym
AP US History	Goode/A4	Thurs, Feb 25th	1:30pm – 3:25pm	Gym
English 2 Honors	Aden/B5	Fri, Feb 26th	8:25am – 12:00pm	Gym
English 2 Honors	Aden/B7, B8	Tues, Mar 2nd	12:00pm – 3:25pm	Gym
English 1 Honors	Ward/B7, B8	Thurs, Mar 4th	12:00pm – 3:25pm	Gym

Please note that dates/times are subject to change based on the number of DHR students who sign up to attend.

PMA 3 PROCEDURES

- Students need to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of testing.
- All drop-off and pick-up for DHR students will be at the Atrium – pull into the circle at front of the school.
- Students 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.



TESTING FAQs

DISTRICT & STATE TESTING @ DA

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.
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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.



TESTING FAQs

FSA & EOC TESTING

WHAT TESTS DO I NEED TO TAKE IF...

- I was a 10th grader during the 2019-2020 school year, do I need to take the 10th grade ELA FSA this school year?
 - Since the State canceled testing at the end of last school year, and the 10th grade ELA FSA is a graduation requirement, students must either take the 10th grade ELA FSA retake or earn a concordant score on the SAT or ACT.
- I took Algebra 1 during the 2019-2020 school year, do I need to take the Algebra 1 EOC this school year?
 - Since the State canceled testing at the end of last school year, and the Algebra 1 EOC is a graduation requirement, students must either take the Algebra 1 EOC retake, pass the Geometry EOC this year, or earn a concordant score on the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT or ACT.
- I took Geometry, US History, and/or Biology during the 2019-2020 school year, do I need to take any of these EOCs this school year?
 - Since the State canceled testing at the end of last school year, and these EOCs are not graduation requirements, there is no need for students to make up these assessments. The only exception would be if a student failed one of these courses in 2019-2020. Since these assessments count for 30% of the final grade, a passing score can change the student's overall grade from failing to passing.
 - Students who are enrolled in these courses during the 2020-2021 school year will be required to take these assessments and they will count for 30% of the final grade in the course.

TESTING FOR 2020-2021

- What testing is required for me to take this school year (2020-2021)?
 - All students enrolled in English 1 (Hon) will take the 9th grade FSA ELA (Reading & Writing)
 - All students enrolled in English 2 (Hon) will take the 10th grade FSA ELA (Reading & Writing) *graduation requirement*
 - All students enrolled in Algebra 1 (not 1-A) will take the Algebra 1 EOC (*30% of final grade & graduation requirement*)
 - All students enrolled in Geometry will take the Geometry EOC (*30% of final grade*)
 - All students enrolled in Biology will take the Biology EOC (*30% of final grade*)
 - All students enrolled in US History (and AP US History) will take the US History EOC (*30% of final grade*)
- Will testing be virtual or in person?
 - All State testing will be in person as required by the State.
- What are the dates of the assessments for the 2020-2021 school year?
 - Specific dates have not yet been schedule. We will post a testing schedule soon. The testing windows are:
 - FSA Retakes: March 1 (Writing), March 2 & 4 (Reading)
 - FSA Writing: April 5 – April 9
 - FSA Reading and all EOC assessments: May 3 – May 28
 - AP Exams: May 3 – May 14
- How am I going to take the assessment?
 - Since DA is moving to one-to-one laptops, all students will be required to bring their district issued laptop, fully charged, for each testing day.

CONCORDANT SCORES

- How can I earn a concordant score for the 10th Grade ELA FSA?
 - SAT (EBRW): 430
 - SAT Reading Subtest: 24 (480)
 - ACT Reading: 19
- How can I earn a concordant score for the Algebra 1 EOC?
 - PSAT/NMSQT Math: 430
 - SAT Math: 420
 - ACT Math: 16
 - Pass the Geometry EOC with at least a level 3 (only for students who took Algebra 1 in 2019-20)



QUESTIONS?

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