

FAQ from FSA Information Parent Sessions

03/31/2020 & 04/01/2021

Q. What are the testing dates?

Elementary

Test/ Grade Level	Date	Paper Based/ Computer Based
FSA Reading 3 rd	April 6 th & 7 th	PBT
FSA Writing (4 th and 5 th)	April 8 th	PBT
FSA Reading (4 th – 5 th)	May 3 rd & 4 th	PBT
FSA Math (3 rd – 5 th)	May 6 th & 7 th	PBT
NGSSS Science (5 th)	May 10 th & 11 th	PBT

Middle School

Test/ Grade Level	Date	Paper Based/ Computer Based
FSA Writing	April 8 th	PBT 6 th CBT 7 th
FSA Reading	May 3 rd & 4 th	PBT 6 th CBT 7 th
FSA Math/Algebra	May 6 th & 7 th	PBT 6 th CBT 7 th
Civics EOC (7 th)	May 10	CBT

Q. What is the timing for pick up and drop off? Can they stay all day?

A. Schools starts at 8:45, so your child will need to be on campus by then. School ends at 3:00. Dismissal is as follows – single riders are dropped off/picked up in the loop at the front of the school (Oregon St.) and carpool in the parking lot loop off of Morris Ave. They may stay all day or leave once testing is complete. Please let your child's teacher know what you are planning.

Q. What is latest pick up time?

A. Dismissal is at 3:00

Q. Is there before-school care?

A. Yes, OGA provides supervision for students beginning at 8:15am. Arriving prior to 8:15a requires registration with ASP. Students who are currently enrolled in the ASP before and after school program will still be able to attend.

Q. If a child has COVID or is in "at home" when will they make up the test?

A. Yes, students will be able to make-up tests. Any child who is sick or exhibiting COVID symptoms should not come to school. We have a window of time to conduct make-ups. Launched parents will be contacted by school personnel when to bring your child to school for make-ups. Face-to-face students will be pulled from class once they return to make-up any portion of the test that was missed.

Q. This is my child's first year at OGA and she has been Launched all year. She doesn't know they layout, the school rules, etc.. Will there be a welcome group or someone to show Launched students where to go?

A. Yes, we will have staff and student safety patrols available to assist students in getting to their holding location.

Q. My child is F2F. Will they stay all day as normal? And still have ASP if needed?

A. Yes, face-to-face students will stay all day. ASP will continue to be available for those students who are registered.

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Q. I'm curious what the rest of the day will look like if my student stays. Would they need to bring laptops?

A. Students will follow their normal schedule for the remainder of the day after testing. They will need their device and charger, a lunch (if they bring one from home), and a face mask that covers their nose and mouth.

Q. Do we need to send special #2 pencils?

A. No, we will provide each student with a #2 pencil for the test. Pencils will be collected and disinfected at the end of the testing sessions.

Q. How will accommodations on an IEP/504 plan be addressed? What about those with an IEP/504 plan with extended time? Will you contact us when they finish so we can pick them up?

A. Accommodations will be followed during testing. Students who have extended time as an accommodation will test in a separate room. If parents are picking their child up after testing, parent will be notified when testing is complete.

Q. My child is a LaunchEd@Home student. If I'm not comfortable sending them to school in-person for FSA testing, will they be penalized for not doing the in-person testing?

A. As of April 1st, the state guidelines of retention for 3rd grade and the high school requirement for passing the Algebra 1 EOC remain in place.

Q. Can this prevent my 3rd grader from moving on if he stumbles on the test, even if his grades are great all year? He does have a 504 plan, but gets extreme test anxiety.

A. As of April 1st, the state guidelines of retention for 3rd grade remain in place.

Q. Is the test mandatory?

A. As of April 1st, the state guidelines remain in place regarding school grade requirements, high school graduation requirements, and grade 3 promotion.

Q. Should we plan for our LaunchED student to stay all day?

A. LaunchED students can be picked up after they complete their test (teacher will notify parent at that time) or they can remain at school until the end of the day. Please notify your child's teacher of which option you prefer.

Q. Will there be mask breaks?

A. Students can ask to take a mask break at any time. They will be required to step outside of their classroom to remove their mask. In addition, many of our teachers schedule whole class mask breaks outside.

Q. Can students use a calculator?

A. Calculators ARE NOT allowed on the 3rd-6th grade Math FSA.

Calculators ARE allowed on the Algebra EOC. Mrs. Cross has sent out the list of specific permissible calculators.

Q. What is the earliest that a child can be dropped off at school?

A. Students can arrive as early as 8:15. School starts at 8:45.

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Q. If students are only staying for testing, how will pick up be handled?

A. Let your child's teacher know that you are planning to pick up your child once testing is complete. You will be contacted once testing has ended.

Q. How many children will be in each classroom? How far apart will the children be?

A. There can be up to 22 students in a room. We are following CDC and District COVID safety procedures of 3 feet apart.

Q. What safety procedures are in place?

A. Student must wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth. We have sanitizing stations throughout the campus in classrooms, the media center, cafeteria, recess, etc. Additional information on OCPS safety procedures can be found at [here](#).

Q. What does the ventilation look like in the room?

A. OCPS Facilities replaces air filters and monitors ventilation in classrooms on a monthly basis.

Q. Does this affect my child's grade for the Algebra or Civics course?

A. Passing the Algebra 1 EOC is a requirement for high school graduation. Students are required to successfully complete and pass Civics to be promoted to high school. The Civics EOC is factored in as 30% of a student's course grade.

Q. Is the cafeteria fully working? Do I have to send a lunch?

A. Yes, the cafeteria is fully working. Due to COVID, all students have lunch fees waived. Students may get a lunch from the cafeteria or they may bring one from home.