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FAST Presentation

- Florida Assessment of Student Thinking, or **FAST**, refers to the new Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring (CSPM) System assessments, which are **aligned to the Benchmarks in Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards**
- FAST assessments include **VPK through grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA)** and **VPK through grade 8 Mathematics**
- **Renaissance Learning** STAR Early Literacy, Reading and Math will administer grades VPK-2
- **Cambium Assessment, Inc. (CAI)** will administer grades 3-10 FAST
- End-of-Course (EOC) assessments are **not part** of FAST
- Science and Social Studies assessments are **not part** of FAST



FAST: District Administration Schedule

Per s. 1008.25(8), F.S., FAST assessments will be **administered three times per year** with the first Progress Monitoring assessment (PM1) within the **first 30 days** of school.

- Test security **MUST** be maintained during all 3 PMs
- The three windows for 2022–23 school year are as follows:
 - **PM1:** September 6–23 (Recommended District Window)
Make-Ups through September 28
 - **PM2:** December 5-16 (Recommended District Window)
Make-Ups through January 27
 - **PM3*:** May 1-19 (Recommended District Window)
Make-Ups through June 2

*Results for FAST ELA and Mathematics **MUST** be available no later than May 31 each year beginning with the **2023–2024 school year**.



FAST: VPK-2 Star Assessments via Renaissance

Grade-Level	Star Early Literacy	Star Reading	Star Mathematics [*]
VPK	✓		
Kindergarten	✓ ^{**}		✓
1 st	PM1 ^{**} , PM2 ^{**}	PM3	✓
2 nd		✓	✓

* The district office will turn on audio for all students for **Star Math**, regardless of IEP/504 status.

** For PM1 of K:

- All students will participate in **Star Early Literacy**.
- For students **who score at or above 852**, the school may choose to begin assessing those students on **Star Reading on subsequent administrations**, beginning with PM2 of K.



FAST: VPK–Grade 2 Administration

- Each test will be administered in **one session**.
- It is recommended that each student take only **one subject test in a day**
- Tests will be **computer-adaptive**, administered through a secure web browser (**headphones required**)

** In accordance with F.S.1008.25 (K-10) and F.S.1002.68 (VPK), student results will be provided to parents in an expedited manner.*



FAST 3-10 Testing Times

- These times indicate the **maximum** amount of time that should be provided for students
- For scheduling purposes, a recommended session length is provided, but **students who are still working at the end of that time should be provided with the maximum allowable time** as indicated in the table.
- For PM3, students must be provided with the total time indicated in the table.

Grades/Subject	PM 1 and PM 2	PM3*
Grades 3–10 ELA Reading	Up to 90 Minutes	120 Minutes
Grades 3–5 Mathematics	Up to 80 Minutes	100 Minutes
Grades 6–8 Mathematics	Up to 100 Minutes	120 Minutes

*The PM3 administration is slightly longer than PM1 and PM2 because the assessments contain embedded field test items.



FAST: Grades 3–10 Content

- Because all FAST assessments are **computer-adaptive**, items may become **progressively harder as students successfully respond** to items, and **easier if students answer more questions incorrectly**
- Each PM event is tied to a blueprint for the **full grade-level content**
- Many of the same computer-based **item types that students are already familiar** with will be used on FAST assessments

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FAST: Grades 3–10 Content

- **PM1 and PM2** will be used for **informational purposes** only and will not be used in accountability
- **PM3** will be a summative assessment used for **accountability purposes**
- There will be **paper-based** accommodations for FAST assessments in grades 3–10 for **Spring 2023** (not available for PM1 and PM2)
- **2022–2023 baseline year**; 2023–24 and beyond with new cut scores applied
- In late summer/early fall 2023, the state will conduct **Standard Setting** to recommend achievement level cut scores
- Following Standard Setting, FAST scores beginning with the **2023–2024 school year will be based on the FAST scale**

FAST Writing Field Test

- In 2022–23, Writing will be administered as a **field test** to a representative sample of Florida students during the **Spring 2023 administration**
- Writing will be **reported separately** from Reading and will not contribute to an overall ELA score
- FAST Writing will be **computer-based** in **all assessed grades** (4-10), and prompts will be in response to text





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