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Student Achievement -

Our Number One Priority

Greetings!

Spring is rapidly approaching, bringing the window for statewide testing. This is a crucial period of time in the school year. For that reason, it is important that parents stay informed about statewide assessments in order to provide the support our children need. In this issue we have included basic information regarding the Florida Standards Assessments as well as links with additional resources. We hope you find this information useful in providing support to your children. If you have any questions, you may contact the Bilingual Parent Hotline at (407) 870-4850.

Remember, the number one priority of our School District is student achievement!

Sincerely,

*Naira Alvira*

Bilingual Community Liaison

## Florida Standards Assessments

Florida's K-12 assessment system measures students' achievement of Florida's education standards, which were developed and implemented to ensure that all students graduate from high school ready for success in college, career, and life. Assessment supports instruction and student learning, and test results help Florida's educational leadership and stakeholders determine whether the goals of the education system are being met.

## Florida Standards Assessments Spring 2016 Schedule

### FSA English Language Arts and Mathematics

Dates	Assessment
February 29–March 4, 2016	<b>Paper-Based:</b> Grades 4–7 English Language Arts – Writing <b>Paper-Based Accommodations:</b> Grades 8–10 & Retake English Language Arts – Writing
February 29–March 11, 2016	<b>Computer-Based:</b> Grades 8–10 & Retake English Language Arts – Writing
March 28–April 8, 2016	<b>Paper-Based:</b> Grade 3 English Language Arts – Reading Grades 3 and 4 Mathematics
March 28–April 8, 2016	<b>Computer-Based (and Paper-Based Accommodations):</b> English Language Arts Grade 10 Retake – Reading
April 11–22, 2016	<b>Paper-Based Accommodations:</b> Grades 4–10 English Language Arts – Reading Grades 5–8 Mathematics
April 11–May 6, 2016	<b>Computer-Based:</b> Grades 4–10 English Language Arts – Reading Grades 5–8 Mathematics

The School District of Osceola County Florida 2015-2016 Student Assessment Calendar, Grades K-12 can be found on the district's website at [www.osceolaschools.net](http://www.osceolaschools.net).

## Test Taking Tips for Parents

- **Stay informed.** Visit the FSA portal at [www.fsassessments.org](http://www.fsassessments.org) where you can find detailed information about the assessments as well as practice tests and other resources.
- **Encourage your child to do well.** Praise your child as he/she completes class assignments and homework. Let your child know that he/she is ready for these assessments. Our students have been working hard throughout the school year, now they are ready to demonstrate what they have learned.
- **Make sure he/she gets enough rest and eats breakfast.** It is important that students are relaxed and well rested when they take these assessments.