

Florida End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Parent Letter

April 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Polk School District Student:

Polk County Students who need to take or retake a Florida End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment may participate in the Summer 2018 Session during the Florida Department of Education's (FDOE) window of July 9 - 12, 2018. Please note that pending FDOE updates to the summer testing schedule may cause these dates to be adjusted. Our district will administer the following assessments:

- ✓ FSA Algebra 1 EOC (These students will also be registered for a PERT administration. PERT is an assessment that can be utilized to earn a comparative score to meet the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement.)
- ✓ FSA Geometry EOC
- ✓ NGSSS Biology EOC
- ✓ NGSSS Civics EOC
- ✓ NGSSS US History EOC

Registration:

- **The online registration form must be completed and submitted by the student/parent by June 20, 2018.**
 - The registration form can be accessed at <https://goo.gl/forms/nwguCBJ8jsF01Zt02>
 - If you cannot access the online form, please visit one of the testing sites prior to the June 20th deadline, and they can assist you with registration.
- Submission of the registration form will reserve a spot for your student and provide us with the necessary information to enter the student into the state testing platforms. The Testing Coordinator at your testing site will contact you via email or phone on or before July 6th to verify registration and provide you with additional information, such as testing procedures and specific testing times.
- **No late registration is available for these assessments.**
- **Students may register to take the EOCs without participating in the Algebra 1 EOC and/or Course Recovery Program.**

Additional Information:

- ❖ The math exams involve two testing sessions. These sessions are 90 minutes each, but the student may have up to 3 ½ hours for each session.
 - Please note that the FDOE is allowing students to take both sessions in one day for the summer administration only.
 - The PERT is untimed, but students typically finish within an hour.
- ❖ For the science and history EOC exams, students are required to sit for at least 80 minutes of each assessment and will not be permitted to leave (even if completed and submitted) prior to this time limit. For most students, each EOC takes approximately 3 hours to complete; however, students may continue testing until the end of the school day in order to complete the assessment. Snacks or lunch will not be provided. However, a 30-minute break is provided for a student to eat after the state-required 160-minute sitting for these assessments.
- ❖ Students are required to practice using an online test prior to the actual assessment.
 - To access the practice test for Biology, Civics, US History, please visit <http://download.pearsonaccessnext.com/fl/fl-practicetest.html?links=true>
 - To access the practice test for Algebra 1 or Geometry, please complete the appropriate please visit <http://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>.
 - To access practice material for the PERT, please visit <https://valenciacollege.edu/assessments/pert/documents/PERTmathbookletUPDATE.pdf>.
- ❖ For more information about individual EOC exams, please visit the Florida Department of Education's End-of-Course Assessments website at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/end-of-course-eoc-assessments/>.

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SUMMER 2018 TEST REGISTRATION - Polk County Students

For a Polk County Student to participate in the Summer Session of the Florida End-of-Course Assessments (FSA Algebra 1, FSA Geometry, NGSSS Biology 1, NGSSS Civics, and/or NGSSS U.S. History), the online registration form, <https://goo.gl/forms/nwguCBJ8jsF01Zt02>, must be completed by **June 20, 2018**.

****No registrations will be accepted after June 20, 2018.****

Summer 2018 Testing Sites – Determined by Home-Zoned High School	
Auburndale Senior High	Lake Region Senior High
Bartow Senior High (will test at Summerlin Academy)	Lakeland Senior High
Fort Meade Middle/Senior High	Mulberry Senior High
Frostproof Middle/Senior High	REAL Academy (only for those enrolled in this school)
George W. Jenkins Senior High	Ridge Community Senior High
Haines City Senior High	Tenoroc Senior High
Kathleen Senior High	Winter Haven Senior High
Lake Gibson Senior High	

Summer Testing Schedule					
PERT	FSA Algebra 1	FSA Geometry	NGSSS Biology 1	NGSSS Civics	NGSSS US History
Used for comparative purposes for those taking the FSA Algebra 1	In Algebra 1 or Equivalent or Need to Retake for Graduation	In Geometry or Equivalent	In Biology 1 or Equivalent	In Civics or Equivalent (Middle School Only)	In US History or Equivalent (High School Only)
July 9	July 10	July 10	July 12	July 12	July 12

Dates Subject to Change.

Information Needed To Complete Online Registration Form
1.) Student First Name
2.) Student Last Name
3.) Polk ID Number
4.) Student Date of Birth
5.) Grade Level for 2017-2018
6.) Gender
7.) Race
8.) Hispanic Ethnicity (Y/N)
9.) IEP/504 (Y/N)
10.) ELL Status
11.) Zoned High School
12.) School Attended 2017-2018
13.) Student's Home Address
14.) Contact Phone Number
15.) Contact Email Address