

STATE TESTING POLICIES

- **Electronic Devices Policy**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, and cameras at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), even if they are turned off or students do not use them. If a student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated. For information regarding limited exceptions for students with eligible accommodations, see the 2023–2024 Statewide Assessments Accommodations Guide.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking a checkbox beside the statement in the secure browser or signing below the statement in their test documents.
- **Calculator Policy**—For the computer-based B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC tests, Grades 7–8 FAST Mathematics, and Session 2 of the FSA Algebra 1 EOC Retake, a handheld scientific calculator may be used. For the computer-based Biology 1 EOC, Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, and Grade 8 Statewide Science, a handheld four-function calculator may be used. For paper-based administrations of Biology 1 EOC, Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, and Grade 8 Statewide Science, a handheld four-function calculator must be used. For paper-based administrations of B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC, Grades 7–8 FAST Mathematics, and Session 2 of the FSA Algebra 1 EOC Retake, a handheld scientific calculator must be used. Schools must ensure that handheld calculators meet the specifications published by FDOE.
- **Leaving Campus**—If students leave campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), they will not be allowed to return to that session. Students and parents/guardians should be aware of this policy. If a student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for the student to wait and be tested on a make-up day.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they affirm the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items, responses, passages, and prompts) after the test. Please make sure that students understand this policy prior to testing and remind them that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, FDOE employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Students’ tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.