

January 31, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian of Home Education Student:

In compliance with Florida Statutes 1002.41 for Home Education, your child is required to have an annual educational evaluation. One option available for your child in grades 4-10 is participation in a state assessment offered by your zoned public school. If you choose to have your child take a state assessment (i.e. FSA, EOC) the results must be used as their Home Education Annual Evaluation. Home Education students in Grades 11-12 may not retake the FSA tests.

Dates for testing are listed on the attached FSA/EOC "Registration Form for Home Education Program Student Participation." These dates are TENTATIVE and may change. Please note that students requesting to take the FSA English Language Arts Reading Exam must also take the FSA English Language Arts Writing Exam. These exams are administered on different dates. Score reports for partial FSA exams will not be issued. Once approved to take the exams, you will be provided with the exact dates for administration. Please do not attempt to register for testing at the school until you receive a clearance email from the home education contact, Phyllis Ingram.

If you would like your child tested at their zoned public school, you <u>must</u> provide a copy of your child's State of Florida 680 form to demonstrate proof of current immunization and a completed assessment registration form. If your child has an IEP or 504 plan with test accommodations, please provide a copy of their most current plan. Please fax or email all documents to Ruth Anderchin by February 20, 2018 at Fax 904/547-7695 or Ruth.Anderchin@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

The Department for Guidance and Choice will coordinate with your child's zoned school test coordinator who will arrange for testing and contact you with further directions. The Attendance Zone Locator can be accessed at http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/zoning/.

The FSA Portal at https://fsassessments.org/ provides resources for students, parents, educators, test administrators, school assessment coordinators, district assessment coordinators, and technology coordinators. A number of beneficial resources are available on the portal including training tests and a training test guide. Taking advantage of these resources can help prepare your student for the test.

Thank you for your cooperation while participating in this academic achievement assessment opportunity available to your child. If you need additional assistance, please contact us at 904/547-7753 or Phyllis.lngram@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Ingram

Home Education Contact

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