

April 2018

Dear Home Education Parent/Guardian:

Students participating in an established Florida Home Education Program (FHEP) may participate in the Summer Session of the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) and Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments **July 10-12, 2018**. FHEP parents must complete the online registration form and submit it **no later than Friday, June 15, 2018**. The online registration form can be accessed by visiting the District's Parents' Testing page, <http://www.polk-fl.net/parents/testing/default.htm>, or via the direct link, <https://goo.gl/forms/Pt0znyiluMLW2ayI3>. **Late registrations will not be accepted.** Once your student is registered, his/her student information will be verified, and the request disseminated to the appropriate home-zoned school.

The parent/guardian of a Florida Home Education Program (FHEP) student participating in the testing program is responsible for the following:

- **Completing Test Registration Form (Online at <https://goo.gl/forms/Pt0znyiluMLW2ayI3>) by June 15, 2018.**
- **Providing transportation for your student to and from the school for each test day.**
- **Providing emergency contact information and any health concerns to school staff on each test day.**
- **Providing proof of student's identification- School photo ID, Government-issued ID, Passport, Fingerprint Card with Photo ID, Parent Driver's License (if the student does not have photo ID).**
- **Ensuring that your student adheres to all school regulations, in particular, those related to the testing program.**

Once you have submitted the online registration form, you will receive a call/email on or before July 6<sup>th</sup> providing you with registration confirmation and additional information. If your child requires special accommodations for instruction and will need accommodations for the test setting, such **accommodations must be requested in writing on the Test Registration Form, along with supporting documentation at the time of registration.** Please note that the guidelines for provision of testing accommodations for each testing program and subject may differ. Some accommodations which may be provided in an instructional setting are specifically prohibited during testing; therefore, those accommodations cannot be provided, even if requested.

The FSA EOC exams (Algebra 1 and Geometry) involve two testing sessions over two days. These sessions are 90 minutes each, but the student may have up to 3 ½ hours each day. Please note that the Florida Department of Education allows students to take both sessions in one day for the summer administration only. Students are required to practice using an online test prior to the actual assessment. To access the practice test for the FSA EOCs, please complete the appropriate practice test, located at: <http://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>. If the student has not practiced prior to taking the EOC, he/she will be excused from the test site and will have to retake the test at the next available test window. No official documentation is required as proof of requirement completion.

For the NGSSS EOC (Biology, Civics, or US History) 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 have 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 NGSSS EOC assessments. Students are required to practice using an online test prior to the actual assessment. To access the practice test for the Biology, Civics, or US History EOC, please visit <http://download.pearsonaccessnext.com/fl/fl-practicetest.html?links=true>. If the student has not practiced prior to taking the EOC, he/she will be excused from the test site and will have to retake the test at the next available test window. No official documentation is required as proof of requirement completion.

For more information about the 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-ec-assessments/>.

Should you have any further questions, please contact:

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## SUMMER 2018 TEST REGISTRATION - Polk County Home Education Students

In order for a Polk County Home Education Student to participate in the Summer 2018 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/Pt0znyiluMLW2ayl3>, must be completed by **June 15, 2018**.

**\*\*No registrations will be accepted after June 15, 2018.\*\***

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

<b>Summer Testing Schedule</b>				
<b>FSA Algebra 1</b>	<b>Geometry</b>	<b>Biology 1</b>	<b>Civics</b>	<b>US History</b>
<b>In Algebra 1 or Equivalent</b>	<b>In Geometry or Equivalent</b>	<b>In Biology 1 or Equivalent</b>	<b>In Civics or Equivalent (Middle School Only)</b>	<b>In US History or Equivalent (High School Only)</b>
<b>July 10</b>	<b>July 10</b>	<b>July 12</b>	<b>July 12</b>	<b>July 12</b>

<b>Information Needed To Complete Online Registration Form</b>
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.) Student's Home Address
13.) Contact Phone Number
14.) Contact Email Address