Dear Home Education Parent/Guardian:

Students participating in an established Florida Home Education Program (FHEP) may participate in the Fall Session of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments and/or the Florida Standards Assessments EOCs, as well as the Grade 10 FSA ELA Retake administration during the September 14 – October 22, 2020 window. FHEP parents/guardians must complete the online registration form and submit it no later than Monday, August 31, 2020. The online registration form can be accessed by visiting https://polkschoolsfl.com/assessment or via the direct link, https://forms.gle/4AvTXRFwRqrSibvt5. Late registrations will not be accepted. Once the student is registered, his/her student information will be verified, and the request disseminated to the appropriate home-zoned school.

Note: Due to limited resources and COVID-19 safety precautions, each family will be provided a specific day, time, and location for each testing session. If the student misses his/her originally scheduled testing session(s), rescheduling will be available at the school’s discretion.

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

- Completing the Test Registration Form (Online at https://forms.gle/4AvTXRFwRqrSibvt5) by 8/31/2020.
- Providing transportation for the student to and from the school each test day.
- Providing emergency contact information and any health concerns to school staff 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 the student adheres to all school regulations, in particular, those related to the testing program.
- Notifying the school in a timely manner if the student will be absent on any scheduled test day.

The deadline of August 31, 2020 for submitting the registration form must be met to prevent disruption to test administration at the school site. After the online registration form has been submitted, the school testing coordinator will use the contact information provided to notify the family of the specific testing details (date, time, and location). If the family does not hear from the home-zoned school at least one week prior to testing, it is their responsibility to contact the school and verify the student’s specific testing details. If the student requires accommodations for the test setting, such accommodations must be requested 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 Grade 10 FSA ELA Retake involves three sessions over three days: one writing session and two reading sessions. Each session is 90 minutes, but the student may have up to 3 ½ hours per session. 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. The NGSSS EOCs (Biology, Civics, and US History) are one-session tests. Students are required to sit for at least 80 minutes and will not be permitted to leave (even if completed and submitted) prior to this time limit. If needed, students may continue testing until the end of the school day in order to complete NGSSS EOCs. Snacks or lunch will not be provided. However, a 30-minute break is provided for a student to eat after 160 minutes of NGSSS EOC testing.

Students are required to practice using an online test prior to the actual assessment. To access the practice tests, please visit https://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/computer-based-materials/index.stml and select the “Take the Computer-Based Practice Tests” tile. Students will log in as guests to a guest session.

For more information about statewide assessments, please visit the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal at https://fsassessments.org/users/students-and-families.stml

Should you have any further questions, please contact:

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**FALL 2020 TEST REGISTRATION - Polk County Home Education Students**

In order for a Polk County Home Education Student to participate in the Fall 2020 Session of the FSA EOC Assessments (Algebra 1, Geometry) and/or NGSSS EOCs (Biology, Civics, US History), as well as the Grade 10 FSA ELA Retake, the online registration form, [https://forms.gle/4AvTXRFwrQrSjbvt5](https://forms.gle/4AvTXRFwrQrSjbvt5), must be completed by **August 31, 2020.**

**No registrations will be accepted after August 31, 2020.**

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+Two Day Test; *Three Day Test

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**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 2020 – 2021  
6.) Gender  
7.) Race  
8.) Hispanic Ethnicity (Y/N)  
9.) IEP/504 (Y/N)  
10.) ELL Status  
11.) Zoned School  
12.) Student’s Home Address  
13.) Contact Phone Number  
14.) Contact Email Address