



## 2023–24 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Fact Sheet K–2 Early Literacy, Reading, and Mathematics

### FAST Overview

Florida’s English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring System, also called the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST), required in section [1008.25\(8\)](#), Florida Statutes, was administered for the first time during the 2022–2023 school year. This fact sheet provides an overview of the FAST system for grades K–2 Reading and Mathematics.

### Kindergarten–Grade 2 Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and Star Mathematics Overview

FAST for students in grades K–2 is administered three times a year using Renaissance Learning’s Star assessments, as shown in the table below.

Grade	Star Early Literacy	Star Reading
Kindergarten	PM1, PM2, PM3	
First Grade	PM1, PM2	PM3
Second Grade		PM1, PM2, PM3

### Additional Considerations:

- Students who earn a scale score of 852 or higher on Star Early Literacy are considered “probable readers.” Any kindergarten or first grade student who scores 852 on Star Early Literacy may take Star Reading in the next PM. This includes PM1 for first graders who scored an 852 in kindergarten.
  - Students who move to Star Reading in PM2 and/or PM3 may also continue to take Star Early Literacy for consistent data points.
- All first grade students must attempt Star Reading in PM3. All second grade students must attempt Star Reading in all three PM windows.
  - If a student does not pass the practice items after two attempts, the district should administer Star Early Literacy to the student to gain additional instructional information.
  - Districts may direct schools to administer Star Reading to First Grade students for all three PM windows.

### Administration Windows

FAST is administered during three windows in the school year (PM1, PM2, and PM3). The following windows have been established to provide schools with maximum scheduling flexibility; they do not reflect the amount of time one school will spend administering tests.

- PM1: August 7–September 29, 2023
- PM2: December 4, 2023–January 26, 2024
- PM3: April 15–May 31, 2024

Per state statute, K–2 assessments must be administered in the first 30 instructional days of the school year (PM1), midyear (PM2), and within the last 30 days of the school year (PM3).

## Testing Systems

All FAST assessments are computer-adaptive and are administered and reported using the following systems:

Testing System	Use
Renaissance Growth Platform (RGP)	Online Management/Student Data
Supported web browser	Online Test Delivery
Renaissance Growth Platform	Results Reporting
Parent Reports or the Family Portal <sup>3</sup>	Family Access

<sup>3</sup>K–2 results will be available in the Family Portal after the close of each PM window.

Please note the following:

- Headphones are required for Star Early Literacy and Star Mathematics.
- Students must be provided with blank scratch paper for all FAST Mathematics tests.

## Session Lengths

All FAST assessments are administered in one session in one day, and it is recommended that students only take one subject test per day. Students may be assigned extended time if indicated on their Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan. The Renaissance Learning platform allows for the following item time limits and average length of assessments without extended time:

Subject	Item Time Limit	Items per Test	Average Test Length
Star Early Literacy	150 seconds per item	27	10–20 minutes
Star Reading	120 seconds per item (first 10 items) 180 seconds per item (remaining skill items)	34	15–20 minutes
Star Math	4 minutes per item	34	20–30 minutes

## Accommodations

The Star assessment platform allows for the following assistive tools and technologies for any student who requires them, per an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan:

- Response Masking
- Color Contrast
- Font Size/Zoom
- Highlighter
- Line Reader

Audio is enabled for all items on Star Early Literacy and for items with text that may be difficult for some students on Star Math. Oral presentation is allowable on Star Math and Star Reading for students with this accommodation and is administered by a human reader for test questions and response options only.

## FAST Grades K–2 Reporting

K–2 Reading and Mathematics scores are reported based on the following (for PM1, PM2, and PM3):

- Students receive an overall scale score and percentile rank.

- Students also receive the grade equivalent, which indicates the grade placement of students for whom a particular score is typical.
- In addition, students receive the Instructional Reading Level (IRL) and Lexile Range (Star Reading Only).

### **Sample Test Materials**

Sample test materials (STMs) contain sample test items aligned to the B.E.S.T. Standards and allow teachers, parents/guardians, and students to become familiar with the various item types that will be encountered on the assessments. Please note the following:

- The K–2 practice resources are booklets that show examples of Star test items.
- Students must successfully answer practice questions at the beginning of each session before they can enter the actual test. The purpose of these practice items is to familiarize students with the testing platform and marking responses to test items and to ensure the assessment is appropriate for them.

STMs may be accessed on the FAST Portal at <https://flfast.org/en/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>.

### **Remote Testing**

Remote testing is available for K–2 FAST assessments for students enrolled full-time in a virtual school program or for those students who are hospital/homebound. Resources for administering tests remotely can be found at: [https://renaissance.widen.net/s/nfqshkzc5z/remote-testing-quick-reference\\_220726](https://renaissance.widen.net/s/nfqshkzc5z/remote-testing-quick-reference_220726).

For additional information about FAST assessments, visit the FAST Portal at: <https://flfast.org/fast.html>.