How to Read Your Child's FAST Report

A Bilingual Family Portal Guide for Florida Parents

Cómo leer el reporte FAST de su hijo o hija

Guía bilingüe del Family Portal para las familias de Florida

What this guide does: it walks you, field by field, through the official FAST report in the Family Portal — the scale score, the achievement level, the category results, the percentile rank and the school, district and state comparisons — and then shows you a complete fictional sample report, explained step by step, in English and Spanish.

Lo que hace esta guía: le lleva, campo por campo, por el reporte oficial de FAST en el Family Portal — el puntaje de escala, el nivel de logro, los resultados por categoría, el rango percentil y las comparaciones con la escuela, el distrito y el estado — y después le muestra un reporte de ejemplo completamente ficticio, explicado paso a paso, en inglés y en español.

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Every explanation in this guide is written in our own words. The facts we rely on — the names of the fields on the report, the achievement level names, the scale score ranges and the testing calendar — come from the official FLDOE publications listed in the Sources section at the end. Scale ranges and level names are reviewed by the state and can change in a future school year; this edition reflects the 2025-26 publications.

Your family's privacy: this guide never asks you for your child's access code, date of birth, scores or any personal information. You sign in to the official portal yourself, and the worksheet at the end stays in your own copy.

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Cada explicación de esta guía está redactada con nuestras propias palabras. Los datos en los que nos apoyamos — los nombres de los campos del reporte, los nombres de los niveles de logro, los rangos de puntaje de escala y el calendario de evaluaciones — vienen de las publicaciones oficiales del FLDOE que se enumeran en la sección de Fuentes al final. El estado revisa los rangos de escala y los nombres de los niveles, y pueden cambiar en un año escolar futuro; esta edición refleja las publicaciones de 2025-26.

La privacidad de su familia: esta guía nunca le pide el código de acceso, la fecha de nacimiento, los puntajes ni ningún dato personal de su hijo o hija. Usted entra al portal oficial por su cuenta, y la hoja de trabajo del final se queda en su propia copia.

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How to use this guide / Cómo usar esta guía: each section appears first in English and then in Spanish. Read only your language, or use both side by side. / Cada sección aparece primero en inglés y después en español. Lea solo su idioma, o use los dos uno al lado del otro.

1. What FAST Is — in Five Minutes

FAST stands for **Florida Assessment of Student Thinking**. It is Florida's coordinated screening and progress monitoring system, aligned to the state's **B.E.S.T.** standards (Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking). It was first administered in the 2022-23 school year. The tests for Grades 3-10 in ELA Reading and Grades 3-8 in Mathematics are **computer-adaptive tests (CAT)**: the questions adjust as your child answers, which is one reason the final score is not a simple percentage.

Coverage is not the same for both subjects: **ELA Reading runs from VPK through Grade 10**, and **Mathematics runs from VPK through Grade 8**. Algebra 1 and Geometry are no longer FAST tests; they are separate B.E.S.T. end-of-course exams. In Kindergarten through Grade 2, FAST uses the Star assessments from Renaissance inside the same state system (see Section 9).

Three testing windows each year

Window	When it happens	What it is for
PM1	Beginning of the school year	A baseline score — the starting point for watching progress during the year.
PM2	Middle of the school year — in 2026-27: **November 30, 2026 to January 22, 2027**	A mid-year check you compare with the PM1 baseline.
PM3	End of the school year	The summative score. This is the official achievement designation for the year.

2. Getting Into the Family Portal, Step by Step

The official Family Portal is at **fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com**. You can also reach it from the Family Portal button at **flfast.org/families.html**, or through your district's parent portal (student information system) — in districts that are integrated that way, you sign in with your district login and do not need a separate code.

You need three facts to sign in directly:

- **Your child's unique 6-character access code.** The school provides it — ask your child's teacher or the school's testing coordinator. There is one code per student (siblings have different codes), the code belongs to the student rather than to a test, and it follows your child if they change school or district.
- **Your child's date of birth.**