

Dear Parents,

Florida will be utilizing computer-based testing (CBT) beginning this year. As such, this letter serves as notification that your student will be given the CBT for the FCAT Grade 10 Mathematics test, FCAT Mathematics Retake, Algebra 1 End of Course (EOC) Assessment and Geometry Field Test(at Columbia High only). While this is the first year Florida will administer statewide computer-based assessments, the specific software being used has been successfully proven through more than five million tests in seven other states over the past four years. Additionally, your student will have an opportunity to participate in a practice test to become familiar with the software, item types, and online tools they will encounter and use during testing.

If you or your student would like to review the practice test at home, you can download instructions and a practice test (called an “ePAT”) at www.FLAssessments.com/ePAT. You will also find a “Script for Administering the ePAT” that is read aloud to students during scheduled practice tests. The script includes a thorough walk-through of the software interface and instructions for using each of the online tools. Your student may practice as often as is necessary prior to testing.

We appreciate your assistance in ensuring a successful CBT administration this spring. If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact the principal at your student’s school. You may also access additional information regarding computer-based testing at the Florida Department of Education’s website at <http://fcat.fldoe.org/fcat2/cbt.asp>.

Sincerely,
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