



The Ambassador

Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies
An International Baccalaureate World School

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Principal's Message



April 10—14
Spring Break

April 18
SAC Meeting; 4:30

April 19 & 26
Early Release Days

April 28
APT General Mtg.

May 9
Breakfast with
Mom (A-M)

May 11
Student Led Con-
ferences

May 12
Breakfast w/ Mom
(N-Z)

May 16
SAC Meeting; 4:30

May 22
Pool Party

Dear Parents,

What a great day for Field Day! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped facilitate each station, and especially, Ms. Hay for coordinating this fun event.

Tomorrow the online application opens again for the 2017-18 school year. We still have vacancies in fourth through sixth grades. The waiting lists in the primary grades are very short. If you know anyone interested in attending Freedom 7, next year, tell them to log on and apply.

This year, Spring Break took a long time to get here! I hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends, next week. Whatever you do or wherever you go, be safe.

If you are celebrating, Happy Easter and Passover. Enjoy your holiday.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Zimmerman



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Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies, an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School, provides a quality public education with a challenging and transdisciplinary curriculum. Students are encouraged to become critical and compassionate thinkers, lifelong learners, and responsible world citizens who respect cultural diversity.

FSA TESTING AT FREEDOM 7

When students return to school on April 17, the FSA Computer Based Testing in Mathematics and ELA Reading will begin. The schedule involves grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 over two weeks. All testing will be taken in the morning. Your classroom teacher will be communicating your child's schedule. Fifth Graders will be taking the paper based Florida Statewide Science Assessment on May 2nd and 3rd.

Please see the letter on the following page to know about the requirements for the students. All our children have taken the practice test online with their teacher. You may have them practice by accessing the practice sessions online found on the FSA Portal; <http://fsassessments.org/>.

Please help your child with success on the tests by having them to school on time, provide them with a healthy breakfast and ensure a good night's sleep.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Mrs. King



Dear 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Grade Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Reading and Mathematics CBT during the weeks of April 14 and April 24. Your teacher will provide you with the dates of your child's scheduled tests(s). Your student has had the opportunity to participate in a practice test to become familiar with the computer-based testing platform, item types, and response formats he or she will see on the FSA assessments. If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>.

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2017 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at www.fsassessments.org, click on the **Students and Families** icon, then select **Spring 2017 Testing Times**.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement on their planning sheets, worksheets, or work folders.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states: “Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the passages or items after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.” Please make sure your student understands that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to blogs or social media websites. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student begins a test session and leaves campus before completing it (for lunch, an appointment or illness, etc.), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), Section 504 plan, or English Language Learner (ELL) plan, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Mary Helen King at 321-868-6610 or king.maryhelen@brevardschools.org. For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA Portal at www.FSAssessments.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Dorine Zimmerman
Principal