

Navigating FAST Assessments

A Comprehensive Guide to the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking & The Family Portal

Today's Agenda

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What is FAST?

The Definition

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system administered three times per year. It tracks student growth in Reading, Mathematics, and Early Literacy (VPK-2).

The Goal

Unlike past "high-stakes" end-of-year testing, FAST is designed to provide teachers, students, and parents with **real-time, actionable data** throughout the school year to support instruction immediately.

Progress Monitoring Schedule

PM2: Check-In

Middle of Year
(December - January)

Monitors growth and adjusts instruction.



PM1: Baseline

Beginning of Year
(August - September)

Sets the starting point for learning.

PM3: Summative

End of Year
(May)

Measures mastery of grade-level standards.

Why the Switch to FAST?

- ⌚ **Less Time Testing:** FAST assessments are significantly shorter than previous statewide assessments, leaving more time for classroom instruction.
- ⚡ **Immediate Feedback:** Results are typically available within days, not months, allowing teachers to tailor their lessons to student needs right away.
- 📈 **Growth Focused:** Parents can see exactly how much their child has learned from the beginning to the middle and end of the year.



The Family Portal

Your Gateway to Student Success & Data

Accessing Your Data

A Central Hub for Families

The Florida Statewide Assessments Family Portal is a dedicated website where you can view your student's individual score reports for all FAST assessments.

Beyond just scores, the portal provides a detailed breakdown of performance by category, allowing you to see specific strengths and areas where your child may need extra support.



3 Steps to Access Results



1. Visit the Site

Go to **FLFAST.org/families**. This is the official hub for all resources. Click on "Family Portal" to begin.



2. Access Code

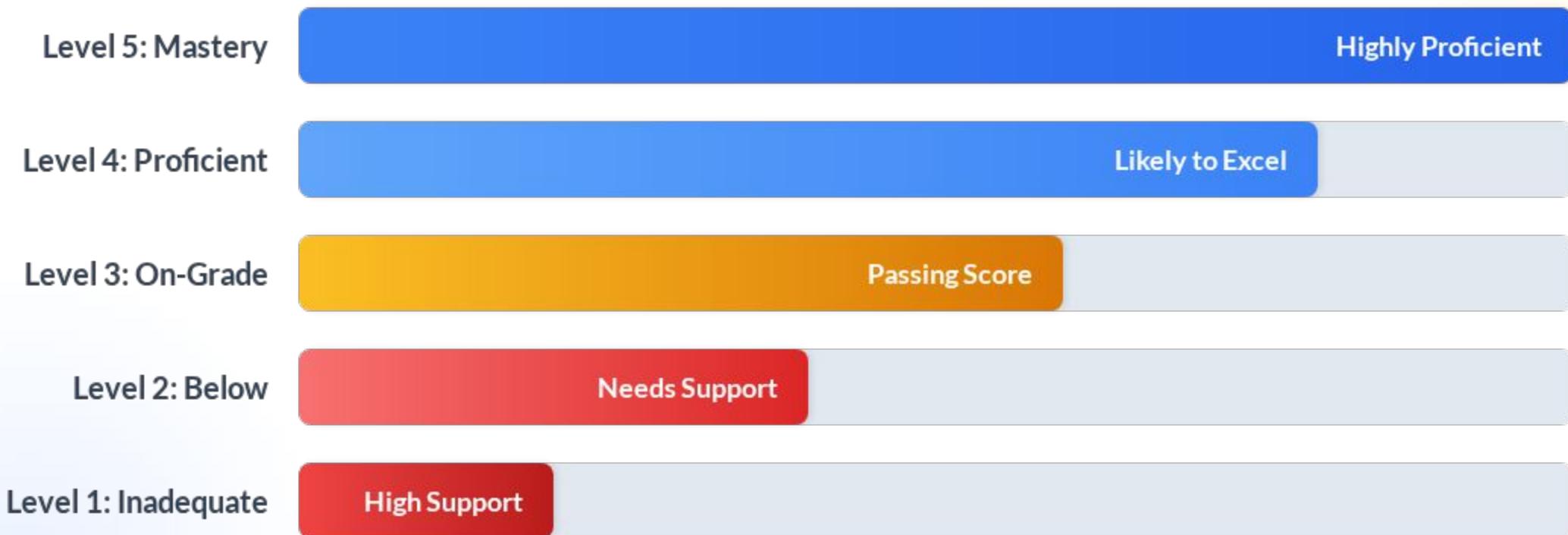
Enter your unique **6-character Access Code**. This is provided by your child's school. If you don't have it, contact the school office.



3. Student Info

Enter your student's **Date of Birth** and **First Name** exactly as it appears on school records to verify identity.

Understanding Achievement Levels



PM1 and PM2 scores are informational. **Level 3** is considered "On-Grade Level" and is the target for PM3 (End of Year).

How You Can Help at Home



-  **Discuss the Data:** Talk to your child's teacher about their PM1 and PM2 scores. Ask what specific skills need practice.
-  **Read Daily:** Encouraging 20 minutes of reading every day builds vocabulary and stamina for reading tests.
-  **Test Prep:** Ensure a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast on assessment days. Reducing anxiety is key to success.

Portal Resources



Practice Tests

Familiarize students with the platform interface.



Fact Sheets

Detailed guides on what is covered in each grade.



Interpretive Guides

Help for parents to understand the score report.

Questions?

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