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ISPA Parents / Guardians / Students:

As we embark on the testing season, it is important to remember that the Florida Department of Education expects all students to take the Florida Statewide Assessments. This includes the following: FSA English Language Arts Writing and Reading; the End-of-Course assessments in Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, and U.S. History.

All EOC assessments will take place in May and constitute 30% of the student's final grade in the course. Current Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, and U.S. History students who do not take their EOC assessment, will not receive a final grade for the course until the exam is taken. This means their final grade will be placed on hold until they take the exam during the following testing window, which will be during the next year.

Additionally, in order to receive an FSA English Language Arts score, students must take both the Writing (April) and Reading (May) exams. If the student only takes one of the two assessments, they will not receive an FSA English Language Arts score.

The results from these assessments are important and are used to make sure that your child is placed in appropriate classes and receives appropriate instruction and services. They can also affect final course grades and the completion of graduation requirements. Please rest assured that we are taking all necessary precautions to provide a safe environment for this testing. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Diaz or Ms. Alamo.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alina M. Diaz-Blanco