



# **WHAT TO EXPECT WITH FSA!**

January 24, 2017



# **WELCOME**

- Testing process
- Dates and times of testing periods
- Sample FSA Test questions
- Preparing your child

# Testing Process



## Step 1

Take FSA Test

March 28<sup>th</sup> – Language Arts

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Language Arts

April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> – Mathematics

April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> – Mathematics

## Step 2

Take Portfolio Mini Assessments

January 24<sup>th</sup>

February 14<sup>th</sup>

March 14<sup>th</sup>

April 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

## Step 3

Take SAT 10

**ONLY for students who do not pass Portfolio**

May 16<sup>th</sup>

## Step 4

Summer School (6 weeks)

**ONLY for students who do not pass any of the three tests**

You will Receive phone call with details



# **FSA Testing**

# **FSA DATES AND TIMES**

## **English Language Arts**

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 9-11:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 9-11:00 a.m.**

## **Mathematics**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> – Mathematics**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> – Mathematics**

**\*Testing is for 80 minutes with time added for preparation**



# Language Arts

# Language Arts Skills Tested

## Fiction and Non-Fiction passages

### **15 – 25% Key Ideas and Details**

Main idea

Text evidence

Sequence of  
Events

Cause and  
effect

### **25-35% Craft and Structure**

Meaning of  
unknown words

text and graphic  
features

Author's point of  
view vs your point  
of view

### **20 – 30% Integration of Knowledge**

Compare and  
contrast

using information  
gained from  
graphics

Identifying  
connections (cause  
and effect,  
sequence of events,

### **15 – 25% Language and Editing**

Grammar

Choose the right  
word

capitalization



## Multiselect Items

- For these items, choose **more than one** correct answer from the answer choices, and fill in the bubbles for **more than one** correct answer. Be sure to read the item carefully to know how many correct answers to choose.
- Example

Select the two correct meanings of the phrase good to go as it is used in the sentence.

"Students who live far apart, students who can't leave home, students who want to take a class they can't take nearby—all they need is a computer and an Internet connection and they're good to go!"  
(paragraph 6)

- Ⓐ okay to leave
- Ⓑ able to learn quickly
- Ⓒ able to begin
- Ⓓ prepared to travel
- Ⓔ ready to start to learn



## Graphic Response Items

- For these items, enter your response by **drawing lines** between matching words or phrases. Drawing lines is the correct way to enter your answer ONLY for the items that ask you to do this.
- Example:

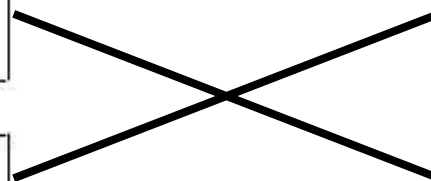
Draw lines to match the words with the correct definitions based on information in the passage.

Sun

A satellite that revolves around the Earth.

Moon

The star at the center of the Solar System.



## Editing Tasks

- For editing items, choose the correct word or phrase to fill in each blank in a passage.
- For each blank, fill in the bubble **before** the correct word or phrase.

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in each blank in the passage. For each blank, fill in the circle **before** the word or phrase that is correct.

Koalas are animals that live in Australia. They \_\_\_\_\_ [ ☒ look  
 (B) will look (C) looks (D) looked ] a little bit like small bears, \_\_\_\_\_  
 [ (A) or (B) nor (C) because ☒ but ] they are not bears. They are brown or  
 gray, with round, fluffy ears, and they have no tails. You have probably  
 seen pictures of koalas. They are very popular because they are so cute.

- If you write your answer in the blank but do not fill in the bubble, **your answer will not be scored.**

## Two-Part Item Example

### **Part A**

Fill in the circle **before** the sentence that shows how the author supports the idea that students who live far from each other can learn together.

- ☐ Ⓐ She tells about why students should learn online.
- ☒ Ⓑ She shares details about the way students learn online.
- ☐ Ⓒ She gives examples of how online learning helps students.
- ☐ Ⓓ She explains that the online classroom is only for a short time.

### **Part B**

Fill in the circle **before** the two sentences that support the answer in part A.

☐ Ⓐ It is also possible for students to live in different places and be a part of an online class together. ☐ Ⓑ Each person goes to a website for the class he or she is taking. ☒ Ⓒ Thousands of people can watch and listen to this class at the same time. ☒ Ⓓ When they want to speak, they can use a microphone to ask and answer questions. ☐ Ⓔ When the lesson is completed and all good-byes have been said, the students and teacher in the online class log out. ☐ Ⓕ The connection over the Internet is broken, and the online classroom disappears.



# Mathematics

# 3rd Grade Math Skills Tested

- \* Single-digit Multiplication and Division
- \* Basic understanding of fractions as numbers
- \* Tell time to the nearest minute
- \* Elapsed time
- \* Measure and estimate volume and mass
- \* Recognize shapes with similar attributes
- \* Quadrilaterals
- \* Area and Perimeter

# EXAMPLE QUESTION MATH FSA

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Select all the expressions that have the same value as  $30 \div 10$ .

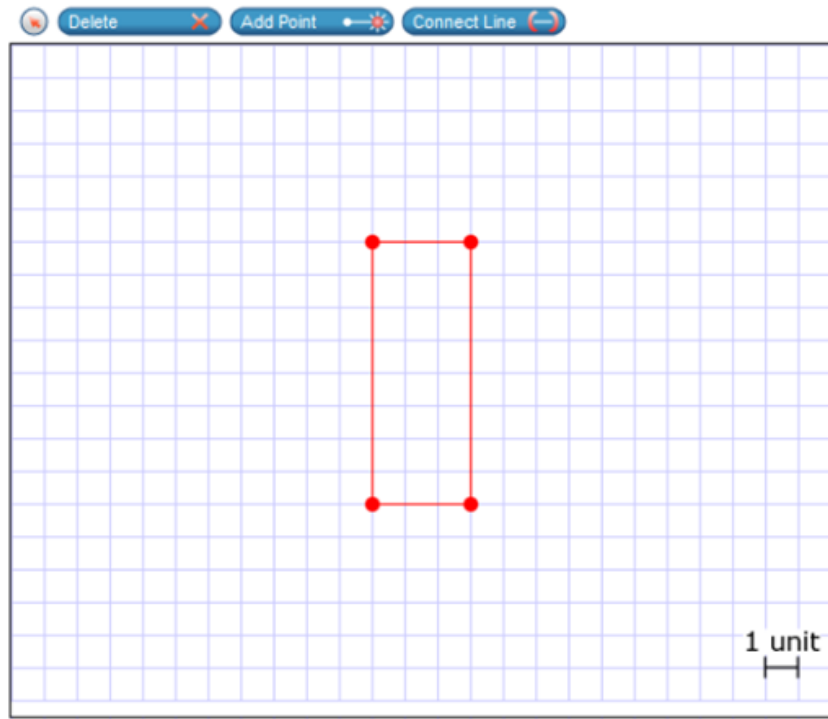
- ☒  $1 \times 3$
- ☐  $10 \div 30$
- ☐  $30 \times 10$
- ☒  $30 \div 10 \div 1$
- ☐  $30 \div (2 \div 5)$
- ☒  $(30 \div 2) \div 5$

# EXAMPLE QUESTION MATH FSA

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Use the Connect Line tool to create a rectangle with an area of 24 square units.





# EXAMPLE QUESTION MATH FSA

Three classes at Lakeview School are going on a field trip. The table shows the number of people in each class, including the teacher.

They can choose to use buses, vans, and cars.

	Total number of people
Mrs. Ruiz's Class	23
Mr. Yang's Class	25
Mrs. Evans' Class	24



Buses have 20 seats



Vans have 16 seats



Cars have 5 seats

Which three combinations can be used to take all three classes on the field trip?

- ☐ 1 bus and 4 vans
- ☐ 3 vans and 11 cars
- ☐ 1 bus and 1 van and 6 cars
- ☐ 1 bus and 8 cars
- ☐ 2 buses and 3 vans and 4 cars

# EXAMPLE QUESTION MATH FSA

A bakery uses 48 pounds of flour each day. It orders flour every 28 days.

Create an equation that shows how many pounds of flour the bakery needs to order every 28 days.

48 × 28 = 1344									
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# REMEMBER...<sup>18</sup>

During breaks and after testing, students will not be able to **talk about the specific test questions** with friends, classmates, teachers, or parents.



# **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD AT HOME?**

- Practice typing numbers on a computer keyboard or calculator
- Complete the weekly Language Arts homework

## **On Testing Days**

- Be sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before.
- Please keep a regular nightly and morning routine during testing dates.
- Be sure your child eats a well-balanced breakfast.
- Please provide your child with a dry, healthy snack and a bottle of water.
- Send them with lots of love and encouragement!



## **Link for Practice Tests and Resources**

**<http://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/training-tests/>**



Questions?