



LIBERTY PINES ACADEMY

“ON THE PROWL FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE”

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Dear Parent:

You are receiving this letter because your child's individual educational plan (IEP) team has determined that he/she meets the requirements for participation in the **Florida Standards Alternate Assessment-Performance Task (FSAA-PT)**. Designed specifically for students with significant cognitive disabilities, the purpose of the FSAA-PT is to adhere to the federal laws that hold schools accountable for student achievement, while providing parents and teachers with information about how students are progressing from grade to grade.

The FSAA-PT is an assessment that measures student achievement on the Florida Standards Access Points in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, and the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Access Points in Science and Social Studies. Access points reflect the core intent of the standards but with less complexity. If you would like to know more about the access points, you can find them at <http://www.floridastandards.org/>. The academic areas assessed on the FSAA-PT include ELA (Grades 3-10, with Writing as a part of ELA in Grades 4-10), Mathematics (Grades 3-8), and Science (Grades 5 and 8). In addition to grade specific assessments, there are end-of-course (EOC) exams in access courses for Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History.

Student effort is especially important during assessment. We encourage parents to support their child's best efforts and to have them get plenty of rest prior to testing. The assessment windows for the 2017-18 school year are as follows:

- **Elementary and Middle Schools** (Grades 3-8, including EOC for Access Civics) – February 26–April 13, 2018 and

If you have any questions about the Florida Standards Alternate Assessment-PT, please contact your child's teacher or the school district's exceptional student education office.

We are committed to ensuring that students receive a quality education and are provided an opportunity to demonstrate the skills they have learned. Together, we can ensure accountability for all students.

Sincerely,

Traci Hemingway