



Tips for Taking the **Paper-Based** FSA ELA Reading and FSA Mathematics Assessments



It's almost time to take the paper-based FSA test!

Here are some important explanations and reminders to help you do your very best.



Test Invalidation

Let's talk about the term

test invalidation.

It's important for you
to understand what it means
so it won't happen to you!



Test Invalidation

If your test is invalidated,
it means that your test
will not be scored,
and you will not be able to
retake the same test.



To make sure your test is scored...

Remove all electronic devices.

If you have an electronic device at your desk, in your pocket, or anywhere you can reach it during testing or while on a break, **your test will not be scored.**



Electronic Devices

Some examples of electronic devices are:

- Cell phones or smartphones
- Tablets
- Smartwatches
- Handheld video games
- Cameras
- Calculators



Electronic Devices

Your teacher may collect electronic devices or instruct you to put them away (in a locker or backpack away from your desk).

If you aren't sure if something is an electronic device, please ask your teacher before the test.



To make sure your test is scored...

Do your own work.

If you are caught looking at another student's answers, allowing another student to look at your answers, or using any kind of unauthorized aid during the test, **your test will not be scored.**



To make sure your test is scored...

Don't be disruptive.

If you are disruptive during a test, you may be dismissed from the room, and your test may not be scored. It is very important for you to remain quiet, respect other students, and pay attention to and follow the instructions.



To make sure your test is scored...

Don't leave school during a session.

If you leave the school's campus for lunch or an appointment before you complete a test session, **you will not be allowed to finish taking the test when you return.**



Testing Rules

During the test, you must not:

- Talk to other students or make any disturbance
- Look at another student's test
- Allow another student to look at your test
- Ask for help answering any test questions
- Give help to another student in answering test questions
- Have notes or scratch paper
- Have any electronic or recording devices in your possession at any time, including breaks, even if you do not use them
- Fail to follow any other instructions given



Testing Rules

Before the test, your test administrator will read the testing rules aloud and ask you to read the **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**. You will be asked to sign your name below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment to show that you understand the rules.

Testing Rules Acknowledgment

I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.

Signature _____



Marking Your Answers

Now it's time to review
some important tips for
marking your answer correctly.



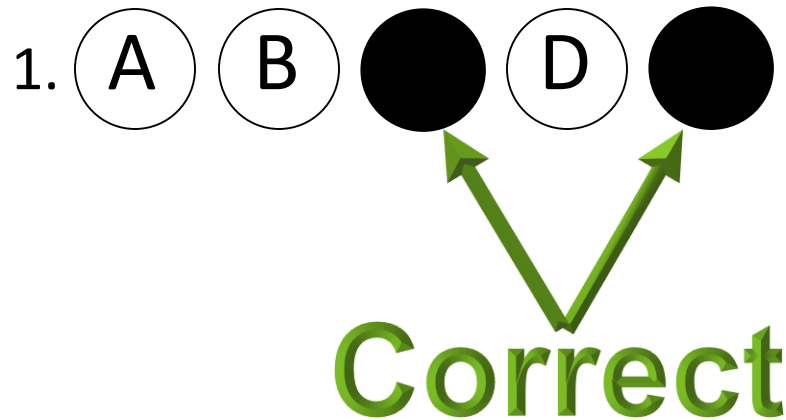
Marking Your Answers

You *are* allowed to circle or underline words in the reading passages or questions, or make notes in the blank space in your test and answer book.



Marking Your Answers

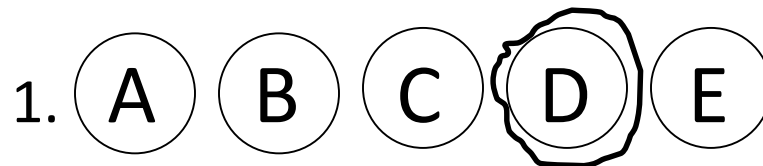
For questions that ask you to fill in a bubble or bubbles, be sure to fill in the bubble for your answer choice or choices completely with your number 2 pencil.





Marking Your Answers

For answers that require you to fill in a bubble or bubbles, do not circle your answer.

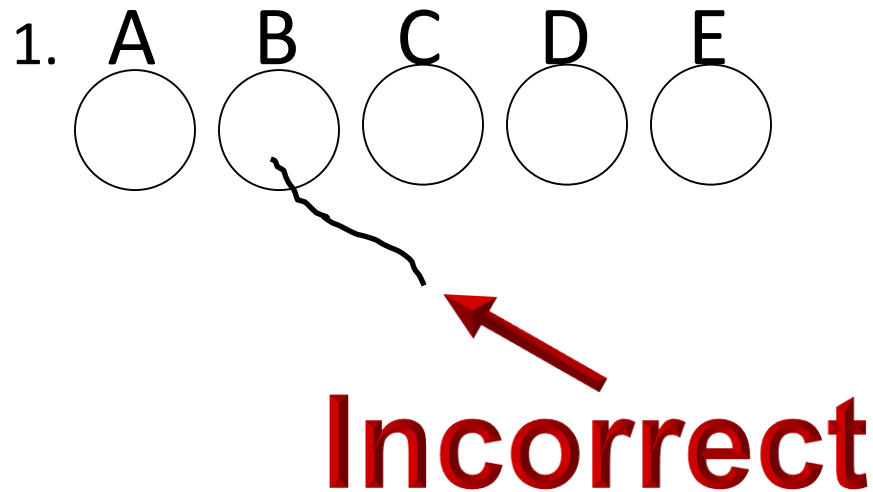


Incorrect



Marking Your Answers

Make sure that any marks you make taking notes *do not* go into a bubble that is not your answer.





Marking Your Answers

- If you change an answer, be sure to erase completely.
- If you use your eraser, do so gently to avoid ripping or tearing your test.



Remember...

If you come to a page in your test and answer book that says **Go On** in the bottom corner, turn the page and continue working.





Remember...

When you come to the stop sign at the end of a session, **stop working. Do not go on to the next session.**



DO NOT GO ON.



Remember...

When you have finished a session, check through your answers for that session to make sure you have answered each question in the way you were supposed to and that you have answered **every** question.



Remember...

During the test, you may not:

- Work in another session in your test and answer book (working ahead in Session 2 during Session 1 of the test; going back and working in Session 1 during Session 2 of the test)
- Change any answers from a previous session
- Look at another student's answers
- Allow another student to look at your answers
- Have notes, scratch paper, or electronic devices



Remember...

- **You may not ask for help in answering any test questions.**
- Your teacher or test administrator is not allowed to discuss the test or help you read, understand, or answer test questions.
- Try to answer every question.



Remember...

Once you finish a test and turn it in,
you may not ask for it back.

Be sure to check your answers
and try to answer every question
before turning in your test.



Remember...

During breaks and after testing,
it's important that you

don't talk about the specific test questions

with friends, classmates, teachers, or other students.



Most Importantly...

**Get a good night's sleep
and eat a good breakfast before the test.**

Relax and do your best!