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FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions. If you or your student would like to review Star Early Literacy and Star Math sample items at home, sample test items are available at <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>.

The Star Early Literacy assessment typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Kaylea Gransaul at [Kaylea.Gransaul@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Kaylea.Gransaul@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

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The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 20 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.

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- **If your child is enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Standard Mathematics**, your child will participate in Grade 7 FAST Mathematics testing on January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **If your child is enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Accelerated Mathematics**, they took the FAST Grade 7 math assessment for PM1 but will take the FAST Grade 8 math assessment for both PM2 and PM3. This testing sequence will be the most accurate alignment with the instruction the students receive since they cover benchmarks for two grade levels in this course. Your child will take FAST Grade 8 Mathematics assessment on January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **If your child is enrolled in Algebra I, Algebra II or Geometry**, your child will not participate in FAST Mathematics testing and will have an End of Course (EOC) assessment in Spring 2023.

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