



The Ambassador



Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies
An International Baccalaureate World School

Kathryn Lott, Principal Lisa Megown, Assistant Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

November 17, 2023



Dear families-

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I've already shared a list of things I am grateful for, but in case you haven't seen social media... I am beyond THANKFUL for being named the #1 school in Brevard Public Schools, and #8 in the state of Florida. Take a few minutes to read the [article](#).

This is just another reason to tell your friends about Freedom 7 IB School of International Studies. It is like no other school in BPS, pushes student thinking, and creates globally minded students for a better tomorrow. Applications for NEW students opens November 6 through December 8. Please share this information with your neighbors, family members, and friends. We offer 54 spots in kindergarten and 12 seats in 4th grade each year. We also have many seats peppered throughout all grades as students have moved or move over the summer. We steadily move through our waitlist, so everyone has a good chance. We offer tours for NEW applying families on many Fridays. They can sign up on our school [website](#) and learn more about our school!

Thank you to Government and Community Relations for helping us create our newest [informational video](#). It gives a small peek into our little school. Feel free to share.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Kathy



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Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies, an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School, provides a quality public education with a rigorous and relevant transdisciplinary curriculum. Students are encouraged to become critical and open-minded thinkers, lifelong learners and compassionate world citizens who respect cultural diversity and take action to better our world.



Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies

A National Blue Ribbon School,
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Applications for 2024-2025 school
year open Nov 6 - Dec 8

A bright future starts

¡Un futuro brillante empieza aquí!

New

PARENTS - TOUR OUR SCHOOL!

Check out our school website for more information.

here.



How to Access the Family Portal



The Family Portal provides a central location for your student's assessment results.

The Family Portal can be used to access your student's results for FAST Star assessments K-2 for 2022-2023 onwards. This includes Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and Star Mathematics.

How can I access the Family Portal?

<https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/>

What information do I need to log in to the Family Portal?

- Your student's unique six-digit access code (provided by your student's teacher)
- Your student's date of birth
- Your student's name as it appears on their official school record

A screenshot of the Family Portal login page. The page features the Florida Department of Education logo and the text 'Family Portal'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Enter your student's information' with the note 'All fields are required.' The form includes three input fields: 'Access Code' with a placeholder '6-Character Unique Code', 'Date of Birth' with dropdown menus for 'Month', 'Day', and 'Year', and 'First Name' with a placeholder 'First Name'. At the bottom of the form, there is a 'SIGN IN' button and a line of text: 'By signing in you accept and agree to the [Terms of Use](#).'

Where do I get the Access Code?

Your student's teacher will provide the access code. If you do not already have an access code, contact your student's teacher to request one.

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HOLIDAY CONCERT

series

DECEMBER 13
6:00 PM
COCOA BEACH LIBRARY

INTERMEDIATE STRINGS / 5TH & 6TH GRADE CHORUS

DECEMBER 15
9:30 AM
FREEDOM 7 CAFE'

KINDERGARTEN HOLIDAY CONCERT

DECEMBER 18
6:00 PM
FREEDOM 7 CAFE'

*BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE STRINGS'
HOLIDAY CONCERT*

DECEMBER 19
5:00 PM
FREEDOM 7 CAFE'

1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD GRADE HOLIDAY CONCERT

DECEMBER 20
6:00 PM
THE AVENUE VIERA

*INTERMEDIATE STRINGS AND 4TH-6TH GRADE CHORUS
CAROLS AT THE AVENUE*



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the Kindergarten/Grade 1/Grade 2 Renaissance: Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s) on the sessions of the following two days:

- **Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 – Reading**
- **Wednesday, December 6th, 2023- Math**

Please make an effort for your student to be present in school on these two important days of state-wide testing.

Your student's results from PM2 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

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, Star Reading, and/or 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. 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.]

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Lisa Megown at Megown.lisa@brevardschools.org

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Lott
Principal

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Estimados padres de familia/tutores:

La Evaluación de Razonamiento Estudiantil de Florida (*Florida's Assessment of Student Thinking, FAST*) es una herramienta para el seguimiento del progreso estudiantil, la cual se administrará tres veces por curso para observar el progreso de su estudiante en relación con el aprendizaje de los Indicadores de Rendimiento para un Razonamiento Estudiantil de Excelencia (*Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking, B.E.S.T.*, por sus siglas en inglés) a lo largo de este curso escolar. El propósito de esta carta es informarle que su estudiante realizará la(s) evaluación(es) de [kindergarten/1^{er} grado/2^o grado] Renaissance [Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math)] el

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Los resultados del PM2 de su estudiante son solo para fines informativos y la escuela de su estudiante le proporcionará información sobre cómo acceder a los resultados, una vez que complete la evaluación.

Las evaluaciones FAST son pruebas adaptativas que se toman por computadora o tableta digital. Las preguntas se hacen o bien más fáciles o bien más difíciles, dependiendo de cómo responda el estudiante, y asimismo cada alumno realizará preguntas diferentes. Si usted o su estudiante desean revisar algunos ejemplos de Star Early Literacy, Star Reading y/o Star Math en su hogar, encontrará ejemplos disponibles en el enlace <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>.

La evaluación Star Early Literacy generalmente toma menos de 15 minutos para su realización. La evaluación Star Reading generalmente se completa en menos de 20 minutos, y la evaluación Star Math generalmente toma menos de 30 minutos en realizarse.

Si tiene alguna pregunta relacionada con la administración de esta prueba, puede comunicarse con Lisa Megown at Megown.lisa@brevardschools.org

Para obtener más información sobre el Programa de Evaluaciones Estatales de Florida (Florida Statewide Assessments Program), visite el portal en FLFAST.org

Gracias por apoyar a su estudiante y animarlo/a a dar lo mejor de sí mismo durante la administración de esta evaluación.

Atentamente,

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