



New Smyrna Beach High School

James R. Tager, Principal

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) would like to inform you that your student will be taking the FCAT Mathematics Retake, FCAT Reading Retake, and/or FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake during the week of October 10th or 17th. Obtaining a passing score on this test(s) will satisfy a graduation requirement for your student.

Please be sure to review the following policies before testing:

■ **Electronic Devices**—If your student is found with ANY electronic devices during testing, his or her test will be invalidated, meaning it will not be scored. We encourage students to leave devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.

■ **Academic Honesty** —Your student will be asked to sign a pledge prior to testing that says *I agree that I will not give or receive unauthorized help during this test. I understand that giving or receiving such help during the test is cheating and will result in the invalidation of my test results.* In addition, students are responsible for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing their tests will be invalidated.

■ **Invalidations After Testing** —The FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student results within a school that are found by Caveon to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

■ **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing the test (for lunch, an appointment, or illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete the test. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Ms. Karen Nielsen at 386-424-2555. For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the FDOE website at <http://fcat.fldoe.org/>.

Thank you for supporting your student as he/she prepares for the test. The next opportunity for students to participate in an FCAT/FCAT 2.0 Retake will be in April, 2012.

Enthusiastically yours,
James Tager