

Bulldog Bulletin

Week of August 30, 2026

August Character Counts Pillar – All Pillars

Mission : The RJMMS community will work as One Team to ensure there are No Limits to our students reaching their full potential.

Vision: To prepare students for high school and post-secondary opportunities.

Volume 4 Issue 2

September

1	Volleyball Practice Begins
2	Early Release
7	Labor Day – Student Holiday/No School
9	Early Release
	Interim Reports Released in HAC
10	6 th Grade Health Screenings
16	Early Release
17	Home Volleyball Game vs Landrum 5:30pm
18	Fall Portraits
22	Home Volleyball Game vs Sebastian 5:30pm
23	Early Release
24	In-House Thespian Festival
	Home Volleyball Game vs Pacetti Bay 5:30pm
25	Teacher In-Service/No School for Students
29	Away Volleyball Game vs Fruit Cove 5:30pm

Absence Reporting: Us Home Volleyball Game vs Landrum 5:30pm e the Request to Excuse a Student Absence Form on ParentSquare via the link below:

<https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/63914352#modal-feed-link-63914352>

Student Rider Drop off	7:00 am
School Opens for all students	7:10 am
School Start Time:	7:30 am
School Dismissal Time:	1:50 pm *
* Wednesday 12:50 pm	



The Future Begins Here!

Character Counts! Pillar of the Month: All Pillars

- Trustworthiness – Be honest and reliable. Do what you say you'll do. Don't deceive, cheat, or steal.
- Respect – Be tolerant of differences; use good manners; and be considerate of other's feelings.
- Responsibility – Do what you are supposed to do.
- Fairness – Play by the rules; take turns and share.
- Caring – Be kind and compassionate.
- Citizenship – Do your share to make your school and community better. Obey laws and rules.

In the Month of August, We Observe:

- National Immunization Awareness
- National Wellness Month

HOT TOPICS

Annual Title 1 Meeting – September 11. See the flyer below.



Thank you to everyone who supported their student through auditions for this production! We are so proud of the courage, creativity and preparation each student brought into the room.

Invitations to the cast members to join the Shrek cast Schoology group will also be sent out, so the cast can start learning their music. Monday August 31st- is our sing thru/read thru rehearsal from 2pm-4pm. Technical theatre signup sheets will be posted next week on the bulletin board outside Ms. Brown's classroom.

If your student is interested in working behind the scenes, please let them know that they may sign up to be considered to join the backstage technical and creative team starting Monday. We are excited to begin this journey and so appreciate your continued support.

Ms. Brown, Ms. Burleson, and Ms. Beam

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Special Announcements



Congratulations 2026 Florida Power-Library School!

The Florida Association of Supervisors of Media (FASM) would like to congratulate R J Murray Middle School on your designation as a 2026 Florida Power-Library School.

The collaborative leadership of the principal, library media specialist, and school community plays a vital role in ensuring student success, equitable access to high-quality resources, and the strength of a thriving library media program. Your dedication to designing and implementing a program of excellence continues to empower your school's staff and students to achieve at the highest levels. This award designation celebrates your school's commitment to advancing school, district, and state goals through the library program.



B.E.L.I.E.V.E.



B - Bulldogs
E - Empower
L - Love
I - Inspire
E - Elevate
V - Value
E - Encourage

Athletics



Congratulations to the girls and boys selected for the 2026-27 volleyball team



Congratulations to the students selected for the Bulldog Steppers Team

The [FPLS website](#) is being updated to announce our school as an official Florida Power-Library School. At the FPLS award ceremony in October, we will receive our school's FPLS Banner.

Congratulations to Ms. Byrd, our media specialist, on this accomplishment.

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PTO Updates



Make sure you're following us on Instagram and Facebook for all of the latest updates!

Thank you for your support!
Cristy Downie, PTO President
RJ Murray Middle School

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R.J. MURRAY
MIDDLE SCHOOL
CENTER FOR THE ARTS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 TITLE I PARENT LUNCHEON

During the meeting, we will discuss the:

- Use of Funds
- Parental Rights
- School-Parent Compact
- Parent and Family Engagement Plan
- Parental Involvement



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**ONE TEAM
NO LIMITS**

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Doors Open at 11:45am

Lunch Served

RSVP with the link

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/muLSHRhDrE?origin=lpr>
Link

or QR code below



RJ MURRAY MIDDLE

150 N. Holmes Blvd.

St. Augustine, FL 32084

904-547-8470

<https://www-mms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

Dr. Esther Seward, Principal

Ryan Velsor, Assistant Principal

Marquez Jackson, Assistant

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SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

ATTEND TODAY. ACHIEVE TOMORROW.



Every Day Matters in St. Johns County School District!

Why Attendance Matters

- ✓ **Academic Achievement:** Regular attendance helps students stay on track with learning and reaching their goals.
- ✓ **Positive Relationships:** Students develop meaningful connections with staff and classmates through regular attendance.
- ✓ **Classroom Engagement:** Being present allows students to participate in lessons, discussions, and hands-on learning.
- ✓ **Future Success:** Strong attendance supports graduation, college and career readiness, and lifelong success.

Attendance Habits Start Early

School attendance is a shared responsibility between families and schools. Use these tips to help set your child up for success:

- ✓ Attend school every day, whenever possible
- ✓ Arrive on time and ready to learn
- ✓ Establish consistent bedtime and morning routines
- ✓ Prepare backpacks, homework, and clothing the night before
- ✓ Have a backup transportation plan when needed
- ✓ Promote a positive attitude about school
- ✓ Stay connected with your child's teachers and school
- ✓ Seek support when attendance challenges arise

Missing Just 2 Days a Month Can Add Up



Together We Can Make a Difference!

Every day a student is in school is an opportunity to:



LEARN | GROW | CONNECT | SUCCEED



Stay Connected!

Scan the QR code or visit:
www.stjohns.k12.fl.us

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ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Secondary Students

✓ Mark off each challenge as you complete it!

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THU

FRI

SET A GOAL: How many days do you want to show up this week? (Spoiler: 5!)	What's one reason showing up today could make a difference for you?	Who's someone at school who makes your day better? <i>Let them know.</i>	GET INVOLVED: Take part in something today that makes school a better place for you.	Shout out someone who's been here every day. They're putting in the work!
What makes you feel like you belong when you walk into school?	Say hey to someone you don't usually talk to. <i>It might make their day.</i>	Ask a classmate: What helps you have a better day at school?	Send a quick text or message to someone who has been showing up and putting in the effort.	You made it through the week! Take a second to recognize your own effort.
How many days have you made it so far?	BE HONEST: What can make getting to school difficult? Naming the challenge is a start.	What's one thing you can do tonight to make getting to school tomorrow easier?	Finish this sentence: "I showed up today because..." <i>KEEP IT REAL.</i>	THINK AHEAD: What's one attendance goal you want to hit this year?
Look back at your goal from Day 1. How'd you do?	Shout out someone who has helped you stay motivated or keep showing up.	Write down one thing that makes coming to school worth it for you.	Tell someone at school why you appreciate having them around. <i>KEEP IT POSITIVE!</i>	FINAL CHECK-IN: What did showing up this month mean to you? What, if anything, changed for you?

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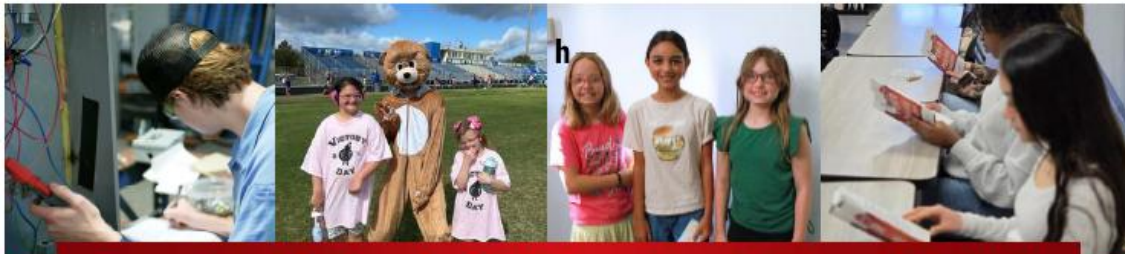
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September is Attendance Awareness Month

Celebrate Great Attendance with a Dress Up Day!



Every Day Matters in St. Johns County School District!

Wednesday,
September 9

Bright Futures Ahead

Bright Colors or Neon Day



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Behind the Screen

Keeping Kids Safe Online

A candid, practical conversation for parents and caregivers.
Presented by the *Tristyn Bailey Foundation* in partnership
with the *St. Johns County Sheriff's Office*.

Presented by Jennifer Dunton, ASA (Ret.) & Sgt. Chris Mobley, SJSO

DATE
**Sept 1,
2026**

TIME
6:00 PM
Doors open & childcare
drop off at 5:30

LOCATION
**Ketterlinus
Elementary**

Childcare provided by Ketterlinus Elementary

Refreshments provided by Phases of Healing Counseling & Therapy



Please RSVP

Scan the code to reserve your seat and let us
know how many childcare spots to hold.

THAT'S MY SQUAD



Tristyn Bailey
Foundation



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Making Connections with St Johns County School District

HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE

SAVE THE DATE



WHEN

Wednesday, December 9, 2026
3:30 – 7:00 PM



WHERE

WGV Renaissance
500 S Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, FL 32092



WHO

Families of rising 9th and 10th graders.
Free to attend.

Explore programs and career pathways, meet school and industry partners, and discover the opportunities that can shape your student's future.



**PROGRAMS OF INTEREST &
CAREER ACADEMIES**



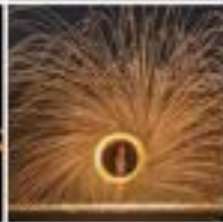
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2026 UNF Physics Photo Contest – See the flyer on the next page.

UNF is holding their annual physics photo contest, which is open to any student in the greater Jacksonville area. Submissions are due on October 16th. This is a contest for all students (regardless of their level) in the greater Jacksonville area. This is an excellent opportunity for students to explore science and art. The top prize is a \$100 gift card to Amazon, and all they have to do is take photo (the more aesthetically pleasing the better...it is a contest) and write one to three sentences about the physics that is captured in the photo. Click the link below for the 2026 UNF Photo Contest Website for further information <https://materialstheory.domains.unf.edu/unf-physics-photo-contest/>.

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2026 UNF Physics Photo Contest



Submit your photo using the
weblink above or email
j.t.haraldsen@unf.edu
Subject line:
2026 UNF Photo Contest

Submission Period: Sept. 1 through Oct. 16
Finals on Facebook and Instagram: Oct. 26 through Nov. 1
Winners announced: Nov. 2 or 3

To compete in the contest, you must submit your photo, title, and description on the website (given by the QR code above) or email your submission to j.t.haraldsen@unf.edu by 11:59 pm on October 16, 2026.

Your photo must demonstrate/encompass/involve a concept of physics. These can be in any category of picture (natural or contrived). Animated and/or altered pictures are NOT allowed. However, a collage of multiple photos is acceptable.

Along with your photo, you must include a title and a small description (3-4 sentences) of the physical concept(s) involved in the photograph, your name and school, and your corresponding email address. Photographs must be owned by the participant and original.

Who can enter?

This contest is open to all students in the greater Jacksonville area (Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach, and surrounding counties). This includes college, high school, middle school, and elementary school students. Middle and elementary school participants should have their parents submit their entry or have a class entry through their teacher.

How will judging work?

All entries will be evaluated by a committee of UNF Physics Faculty. From the original entries, the UNF Physics Faculty and staff will choose the top 10 photos to go to the final round. In the final round, the photos will be uploaded to the UNF Physics Facebook and Instagram Pages. The fans and followers of those social media Pages will then vote on the photos. The total number of votes will be determined by the number of likes and reactions the photo gets from both pages combined! In the event of a tie, the winners will share a fraction of the combined winnings from the combined places. All votes for the top photos will be verified. Fake or robot votes from fake accounts will be disqualified.

What is the takeaway?

There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards. The awards will be a \$100, \$50, and \$25 gift card for Amazon.com, respectively. There will also be a \$50 gift card prize for the top faculty and staff pick.

This competition is on an honor system. Therefore, it is expected that all participants will act fairly and not tamper with votes (this includes purchasing of votes and reactions). If a photo is suspected of this, then it is possible that their photo may be disqualified. Votes should be from real accounts. UNF Physics reserves the rights to post and use photos on Facebook and other social media outlets, as well as in other media outreach for the department and university. Photographs must be owned by the participant, original, and cannot be found online. By submitting a photo, you are agreeing to these terms.

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Running Reminders

Free Breakfast and Lunch: RJ Murray Middle is a site for free breakfast and lunch. We serve breakfast and lunch free of charge for all students. Breakfast starts at 7:10 am and stops at 7:25 am. We encourage all students to have breakfast each morning and lunch in our café.

Note: Students are not permitted to take Starbucks or Dunkin Doughnuts beverages into the classroom. Please make sure students consume these beverages before entering the building. Glass bottles create a safety risk. Please do not allow your student to bring beverages in glass bottles to school.

Home Access Center (HAC) Interim reports and report cards are released and accessible via (HAC).

Sign in Procedure: In line with a district wide sign in, all activity will be completed through use of an identification card.

Dismissal and Checkouts: Dismissal changes & Early Checkouts must be completed by 1:00 PM (M, T, TH, F) and by 12:00 PM (W). Make sure to have your identification.

Parent Drop Off and Pick:

Some friendly reminders:

1. Remember, the Parent Pick Up line is a hands-free zone, so help us keep kids safe AND keep the line moving by saving phone calls and texts for later.
2. Please pull up as much as you can to keep the line moving. Try to avoid large gaps in the line so we can make dismissal run smoothly for our students and staff!

Tardies – students are to report to class on time. Students who are late to class will not be permitted to enter without a pass. We will implement our tardy pass policy on Monday, August 17, 2026. After a student receives 5 tardies, school consequences will be given. Please talk to your student and encourage them to be on time for class and refrain from walking a peer to class.

Student Ids: All students must wear their IDs daily. Students without an ID will be charged \$5 for a replacement. Please encourage your student to wear their IDs daily.

Proof of Residency and Immunization - If you have not completed Proof of Residency or turned in the 7th grade immunization records, please contact the computer operator, Lindsey Cooper at 904-547-8484.

Clinic News: If you have any clinic questions, please contact Nurse Kim Lombardi at 904-547-8470.

You've Been Caught Getting Your BARK on! Our PBIS positive recognition program will recognize students for going above and beyond to meet the RJMMS Guidelines for Success – **Being Prepared, Acting Responsibly, Respecting Everyone, and Keeping Safe**. Students who are recognized will receive Bark Bucks points redeemable in our school store.

Our main goal is to keep building the wonderful sense of community that we are so lucky to have at our school. Whether it be the excitement of planning and volunteering, to attending activities with your family, know that your participation is so appreciated and valuable. Thank you for your support, and please let us know if you need anything!

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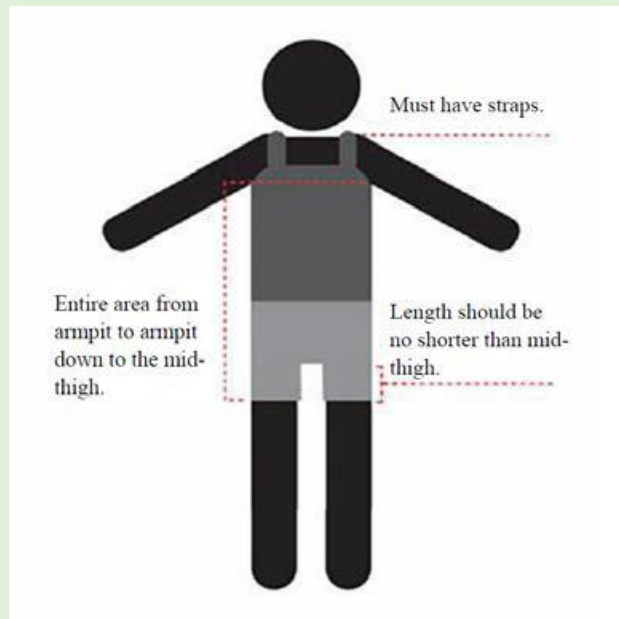
Student Dress Code

The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent(s) or guardian(s). The St. Johns County School District expects students to dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day or any school sponsored event. Student dress code requirements reflect fair, equitable, and consistent practices for all students, while contributing to a safe and positive school climate.

In accordance with statutory requirement F.S. 1006.07 (students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or that exposes body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner).

Pajamas shall not be worn as exterior clothing on campus.

Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other armpit, down to the mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps and be long enough to adequately cover the waistline and not expose the midriff.



Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. **Bedroom slippers are prohibited.**

The principals or designers will determine the appropriateness of attire in conjunction with the current dress code policy.

For special events and occasions (spirit weeks, athletic contests, etc.) principals may modify this policy for their particular school.

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School Bus Rules and Behavior

Responsibilities of the Student Rider

- Follow the bus operator's directions instantly.
- Board and disembark assigned school bus at the bus at zoned/assigned school and assigned school bus stop. Student riders are not permitted to disembark from school buses at locations other than the zoned and assigned school bus stop.
- Remain seated at all times facing to the front of the bus while the school bus is underway.
- Keep head and limbs inside the school bus at all times.
- Refrain from pushing, tripping or other unsafe conduct while boarding, riding and disembarking the school bus.
- Refrain from any abusive, profane language, or other inappropriate communications with other student riders, school bus operators, school bus attendants, cyclists, motorists and pedestrians.
- Maintain strict silence at railroad crossings to ensure safe crossing of the school bus over the tracks.
- Refrain from consuming food or other substances while aboard a school bus. Water is permitted when appropriate at the discretion of the school bus operator. Metal water bottles should be stored in a students' backpack.
- Refrain from using cell phones and other electronic devices aboard a school bus as directed by the school bus operator. Audio or video recording aboard a school bus is strictly prohibited.
- Refrain from applying or spraying perfume, cologne or aerosol items aboard a school bus.

Discipline for Student Riders Violating School Bus Rules

- Disruptive behavior and violation of the Code of Conduct on a school bus by a student rider are grounds for suspension of the privilege of riding on a school bus, disciplinary action by the school administration, and/or assessment of criminal penalties by law enforcement.
- The principal or designee may suspend a student from the school bus for up to ten (10) days per occurrence for violating the standards of conduct for student riders aboard a school bus.
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Schoolology Parent Access Codes

1. Go to <https://homeaccess.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>
2. Log in with your User Name and Password.

-OR-

Click “Click Here to Register for HAC”

(For more information on registering, go to:
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/registration/>)

3. Once you're logged in to HAC, click on the **Registration** page to find your student's Schoolology Parent Access Code.

Welcome to
 **Home Access Center**

HAC 03

If you are unable to log in, or do not see all of your student(s) listed in HAC, please contact the school.
You may now use HAC as an app on your mobile device.
Check out the eSchoolPLUS Family App in your app store.

Department of Children and Families Abuse Hotline 1-800-562-2873

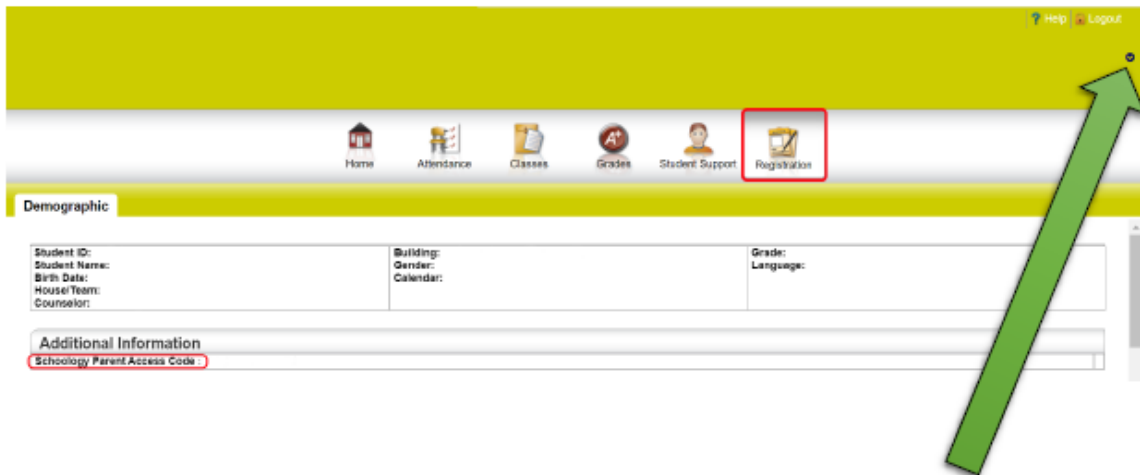
User Name

Password

[Forgot My User Name or Password](#)
[Click Here to Register for HAC](#)
[Click Here to Register with Access Code](#)

[Sign In](#)

If you have more than one St John's County student using Schoolology



Help Logout

Home Attendance Classes Grades Student Support **Registration**

Demographic

Student ID:	Building:	Grade:
Student Name:	Gender:	Language:
Birth Date:	Calendar:	
House/Room:		
Counselor:		

Additional Information

Schoolology Parent Access Code

Each student has a separate Schoolology Parent Access Code, so you will click on the drop-down arrow to toggle between students.

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Schoolology Parent Account

4. Go to www.schoolology.com.
5. Click on the Register button.
6. Click Parent.
7. Enter your Parent Access Code.
This is a 12-digit code in
xxxx-xxxx-xxxx format that you
received from HAC.

Login

Register

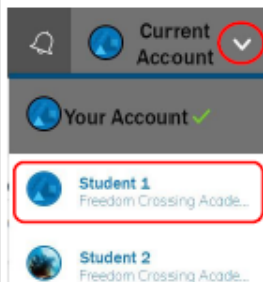
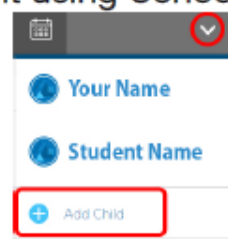
Note: Parent Access Codes can be found on your student's
Registration page on HAC (HAC instructions on the back of this page).

8. Fill out the form with your personal information.
9. Click Register to complete.

When you use a Parent Access Code to create an account,
you are automatically associated with that student.

If you have more than one St John's County student using Schoolology

You can add additional students to your account using
the Add Child option when you click on the account
drop-down arrow at the top-right of your screen.



To Toggle Between Accounts

Click on the account drop-down in the upper-right hand corner of
your screen. Then click on the account that you would like to access.

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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 Progress Monitoring testing.
- access prior statewide assessment results.
- print score reports.

How can I access the Family Portal?

- At the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal:
<https://flfast.org>
- Or at the direct link:
<https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/>

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

- Your student's unique 6-digit access code (found in HAC under the Registration tab).
- Your student's date of birth.
- Your student's first name as it appears on their official school record.

What information can I find on the Family Portal?

- Your student's results from Fall 2020 through present
- Your student's Individual Student Reports with interpretative guides.
- Glossary
- FAQs
- Performance Levels

Where do I get the Access Code?

The code can be found in the Home Access Center (HAC) under the Registration tab. The code will be located on the right side of the page under Additional Information.

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Suspicious Activity Reporting App

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Submit A
Tip Online

Download On The
App Store

Get It On
Google Play



Important Notice

Florida Statute 943.082 states that if, following an investigation, it is determined that a person knowingly submitted a false tip through FortifyFL, the Internet protocol (IP) address of the device on which the tip was submitted will be provided to law enforcement agencies for further investigation, and the reporting party may be subject to criminal penalties under s. 837.05. In all other circumstances, unless the reporting party has chosen to disclose his or her identity, the report will remain anonymous.

