



# Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) & Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT)

## Parent Info

### What is CAT?

- Online assessment that is adjustable based on student answers
- Grade level content only (does not go above or below current grade level)
- PM3 Testing Dates: Writing 3/31-4/11; FAST ELA, Math and Science 5/1-5/30

### Which tests are CAT?

- FAST K-2 FAST
- 3-10 ELA FAST
- 3-8 Math
- Algebra 1
- Geometry EOC
- Science & Social Studies

### How can I help my child?

- ✓ Access the FAST Family Portal to review PM1 and PM2 scores to set goals with your student. Each test picks up at the level the student left off at, encourage them to do their best on every test.
- ✓ Encourage them to do their best on every question before moving onto the next. This prevents the test from leveling down on the next question.
- ✓ Encourage students by saying, “The harder it gets, the better you are doing!” The more success in challenging content will earn a higher scale score.
- ✓ Use scratch paper to keep notes and work out problems.
- ✓ Use resources at home such as IXL, FAST practice tests, etc.
- ✓ Visit the FAST Portal for additional information.
- ✓ Review Achievement Level Scores so that your child understands their progress:

Achievement Levels				
1	2	3	4	5
<b>Well Below Grade Level:</b> Likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course	<b>Below Grade Level:</b> Likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course	<b>On Grade Level:</b> May need additional support for the next grade/course	<b>Proficient:</b> Likely to excel in the next grade/course	<b>Exemplary:</b> Highly likely to excel in the next grade/course