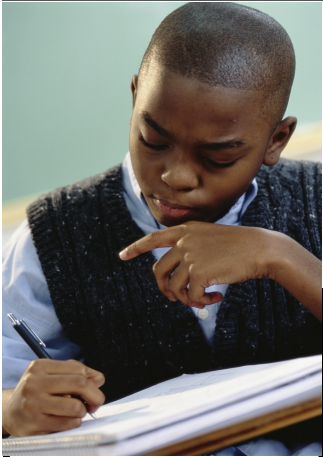
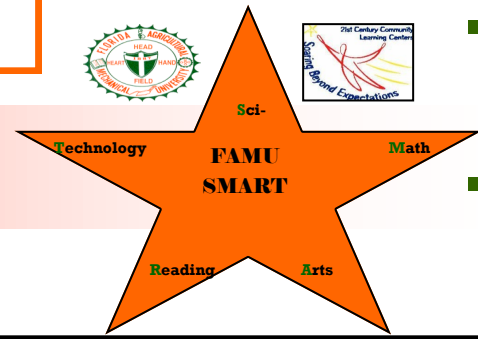


# Parents it's TESTING TIME

## FAMU SMART ACADEMIES

"A 21st Century Community Learning Center"



## Parent Tips: How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Standardized Tests

By: Colorin Colorado (2008)

As a parent, there are a number of ways that you can support your child before and after taking a standardized test, as well as a number of ways you can support your child's learning habits on a daily basis that will help them be more prepared when it's time to be tested.

Standardized tests currently play a major role in all States public schools. Your child may take one or more standardized tests during the school year, and your child's teacher has spent time on test preparation throughout this school year.

While many parents, educators, school leaders, and policymakers disagree about the kinds of tests administered, how the scores should be used, and how frequently students should be tested, it is important to be supportive of your child's efforts on standardized tests, and to help them do their best. You can also learn more about testing from teachers, the parent liaison, your local PTA organization and during the School Advisory meetings to better understand how testing is being carried out at DRS, and how the results are being used.

Finally, remember that standardized tests and grading systems are not perfect; each format has its own limitations. As you help your child do their best on the tests they take and in all of their schoolwork, also remind them that testing is just one part of their education. With your support and involvement, your child will be well on their way to their own SMART and bright future.

### Tips for Test Success

- ◆ Know when tests are scheduled and keep up with results.
- ◆ Don't schedule appointments, trips or other interruptions during testing.
- ◆ Encourage your child to review beforehand and do his/her best on testing day.
- ◆ Remind your child of the importance of reading directions carefully and not rushing through a test.
- ◆ Review results with your child. Praise success and talk about what can be done for areas in need of improvement.

### SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, April 19th - SMART Saturday  
Saturday, May 10th - SMART Saturday  
Monday, May 26, 2014 Memorial Day

### TESTING CALENDAR

**FCAT Testing Begins**

4/14/2014 - 4/30/2014

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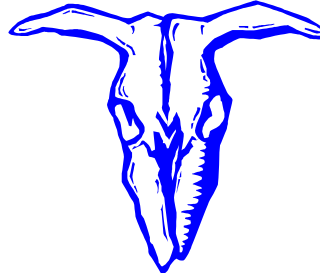
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**Business Name**

Primary Business Address  
Address Line 2  
Address Line 3  
Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
E-mail: someone@example.com



# Organization

**Business Tagline or  
Motto**

**We're on the Web!**  
example.com

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Back Page Story Headline

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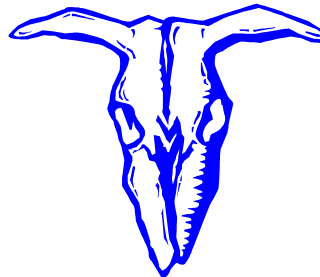
If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a per-

sonal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms



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of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.