



# *Cobb Middle School*

## *Listserve announcements*



### FSA ELA (6) & Math (7) Computer Based Testing

#### FLORIDA STANDARDS



The teachers and students of CMS have been diligently working to master the skills and objectives outlined in the Florida Standards throughout the school year. Next week students will begin taking the computer based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Grades 6, 7, or 8 ELA Reading and Math assessments. This reading test requires the use of headphones or earbuds for listening tasks. Students are encouraged to bring/use their own. However, earbuds will be available for those that may need them.

If you or your student would like to gain familiarity with the computer-based testing platform, item types, and response formats that the students will see on the FSA assessments, training test and answer keys are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/training-tests>. In addition, please see the FSA letter that is attached to this email.

Thank you for your support and encouraging your student to do their very best during this test administration.

### Test Taking Strategies for Parents to Help Students!

- **PREPARE** the night before to avoid rushing the morning of the test.
- Make sure your student gets a good night's **SLEEP**.
- Dress **COMFORTable**; bring a light jacket or wear layers.
- **EAT** a healthy and nutritious breakfast.
- Acknowledge test-taking anxiety as normal, but **STAY POSITIVE**.
- **ENCOURAGE** your child to think positive thoughts like "I can do this!"
- Help your child to **RELAX**. Some find it helps to take a few deep breaths before starting the test; others like to imagine a peaceful place like the beach or park.



### FSA Test Schedule for the Week of April 11, 2016

- April 11-12: Grade 6 FSA ELA Reading
- April 13-14: Grade 7 FSA Mathematics