

## FAST Student Results Renaissance Star Testing Platform Grades K-2

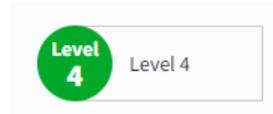
This year's new Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is administered three times during the year (beginning of year -PM1, middle of year-PM2, and end of year-PM3). The administration of PM1 and PM2 are designed for the purpose of information for instruction in the classroom.

The test is administered as a computer adaptive test which will adjust depending on how your child responds. This means that the test may adjust and present students with questions above or below the tested grade level.

It is important to note that students are not expected to have mastery of grade-level skills at the beginning of the year. Students are taught skills throughout the year and should move towards mastery as the school year progresses.

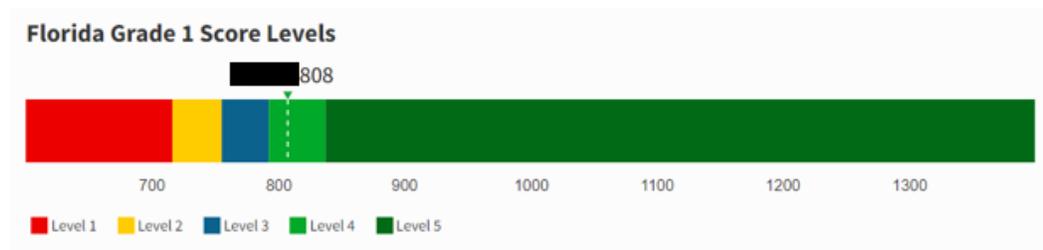
Your child's scores are populated into their myStudent account which you can access through the Pasco Parent Portal. You can access the scores by clicking on Check Grades/Attendance and then click on your child's name, and then Test History. Below is an explanation of what scores will appear in the Pasco Parent Portal:

### Achievement Level



Florida has established unique benchmarks that students must reach to be considered proficient. The Achievement Levels range from 1 to 5 with 3 being proficient. Note that benchmarks have not been established for kindergarten so these students will not have an Achievement Level listed.

### Scale Score



The Scale Score is useful for comparing student performance over time and across grades. A scaled score is calculated based on the difficulty of the questions and the number of correct responses. Star Early Literacy scaled scores range from 200-1100. Star Reading and Star Math scaled scores range from 600-1400.

### **Grade Equivalent**

Grade Equivalent scores show how your child's test performance compares with that of other students nationally. For example, a second-grade student with a GE of 3.2 performed as well on Star as a typical third grader after the second month of the school year. This score doesn't necessarily mean that the student is capable of doing third-grade work. Instead, it indicates that this student's skills are above average for the second grade.

### **Percentile Rank**

Percentile Rank (PR) ranges from 1–99 and compares student performance to other students in the same grade nationwide. For example, a student with a percentile rank score of 37 performed as well as or better than 37 percent of other students in the same grade nationally.

### **Individual Score Reports**

Sometime in the fall, the state will load the Individual Score Reports in the Florida Statewide Assessment Portal which is linked in your Pasco Parent Portal account. From there, you will be able to download your child's FAST Score Report.

### **Renaissance Website**

More parent information can be found by going to, <https://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-star-assessments/>