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Students May Bring Book to Read After Testing

DELAND – Students taking the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in Volusia County Schools will now be permitted to read a book after they have reviewed and finished their testing.

This is the first year Volusia County Schools has elected to utilize this option, which is one of multiple options permitted by the state. In prior years, students were provided with the maximum time to review their work and did not have the option to read a book.

If students choose to read a book, they must hand in their test for paper-based assessments or click submit for computer-based assessments. Once they do, they will not be able to review or change their responses, even if there is time available in the session. Students who do not wish to read a book may continue to review their work and change their responses until the session has ended.

Below are the guidelines if a student chooses to read a book after testing:

- Students will **not** be allowed to write or use any computer or device after they have completed their test.
- Students may only have one item (book, magazine, picture novel/comic book).
- This item may not be a textbook or accessible through an electronic device.
- This item may not have any notes/loose-leaf paper within it.
- This item must be under students' chair/desk and be in plain, clear view by the test administrator prior to distribution of testing materials to students.
- Students may not have within reach or have access to a backpack/purse to retrieve a reading item once testing has begun.

- Once students have accessed their reading item, they will no longer be able to retrieve a collected testing document or request reopening of their submitted computer-based test.
- Students accessing their reading item, while still in possession of their testing documents or actively logged into or in exited/paused status in the testing platform, will be cause for immediate invalidation.

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