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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may know, passing the Grade 10 FCAT Reading and Math Tests is a State of Florida graduation requirement. This letter is to inform you of a couple of changes to the Grade 10 FCAT tests that your son or daughter will take next year (in the spring of 2011).

Grade 10 FCAT Math Test

Beginning in 2011, the Grade 10 mathematics test will no longer have short and extended response questions. It will consist of multiple choice and gridded response questions only. The passing score will be the same as it is now (Scale Score = 300 or DSS Score = 1889).

Grade 10 FCAT Reading Test

The State of Florida has modified this test to align with the new Sunshine State Standards (reading skills taught in the curriculum). It will have multiple choice questions only. The passing score on this test will be a score that is equivalent to the current passing score. That equivalent score will be determined by the Florida Department of Education prior to your son or daughter taking this test.

Please be aware that if your son or daughter does not pass these tests in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, they will have the opportunity to retake the tests in the fall and spring of both their junior and senior years. During that time, they will receive intensive academic instruction in order to prepare them for meeting this important requirement.

In addition, the State has determined if students obtain equivalent scores (called concordant scores) on the ACT or SAT tests, then those scores will satisfy the FCAT graduation requirement.

Concordant Scores Minimums:

	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Math</u>
ACT	15	15
SAT	410	370

If you have any questions concerning these changes to the Grade 10 FCAT tests or graduation requirements, please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor or the District Accountability Dept. at 337-8647.