

TAKE ACTION HERE'S HOW

Support teachers and students in this transition with these items.

The new Florida Standards are helping ensure that our children will be ready for college and the workforce — prepared to succeed in the future. Right now, our schools are undergoing something like a home renovation, keeping what works and upgrading the parts that are out of date. And that doesn't happen overnight.

Advocate to give students and teachers the time they need to adjust! Here are some ways you can help them this year.

○ WRITE YOUR STATE LAWMAKER TODAY

While schools are undergoing this transition, the state should wait to issue school grades. Right now, the state is set to release school grades for the 2014-15 school year in February 2016. Because there is no good way to compare the FCAT to the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), and because the delay has been so long, it would be better not to issue 2015 grades and reset the state's accountability system to begin again on a regular schedule in summer 2016.

Use our easy tool to look up your state legislators and get sample letters. **Go to jaxpef.org, click on Get Involved and go to the Advocacy Center.**

○ SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

Parents: See the reverse for a schedule of Parent Academy courses that are offered for each grade level to learn more about the Florida Standards and how to help your child be successful.

Don't have kids in school? You can still make a difference! **Go to jaxpef.org, click on Get Involved and check out volunteer opportunities.**

Share this information with people you know! Visit jaxpef.org to find additional resources and information you can share.



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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS

Duval County Public Schools offers these Parent Academy courses this fall.

To help parents better understand the Florida Standards, Duval County Public Schools will offer the following courses this fall. Free and open to the public, register at duvalschools.org/parentacademy.

UNDERSTANDING CORE KNOWLEDGE

October 22 - J.E.B. Stuart Middle School, 4815 Wesconnett Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210 6-7 p.m.

November 24 - Englewood High School, 4412 Barnes Road, Jacksonville, FL 32207 6-7 p.m.

UNDERSTANDING THE FLOIRIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT: ELEMENTARY MATH AND SCIENCE

October 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Carter G. Woodson Elementary School, 2334 Butler Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32209

November 9, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Oak Hill Elementary School, 6910 Daughtry Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210

December 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Richard L. Brown Elementary School, 1535 Milnor Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206

UNDERSTANDING THE FLOIRIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT: ELEMENTARY READING AND WRITING

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UNDERSTANDING THE FLOIRIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT: HIGH SCHOOL MATH AND SCIENCE

December 1, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Robert E. Lee High School, 1200 McDuff Avenue South, Jacksonville, FL 32205

UNDERSTANDING THE FLOIRIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT: HIGH SCHOOL READING AND WRITING

December 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Robert E. Lee High School, 1200 McDuff Avenue South, Jacksonville, FL 32205

UNDERSTANDING THE FLOIRIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT: MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH AND SCIENCE

October 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Landmark Middle School, 101 Kernan Blvd. North, Jacksonville, FL 32225

December 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Matthew Gilbert Middle School, 1424 Franklin Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206

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