

SEBASTIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Pre-IB English Language Arts Students and Parents,

As we look forward to scheduling of students for the 2023-24 school year, we want to make certain all stakeholders are aware of Sebastian River High School's assessment result requirements for any rising 10th or 11th grader who wants to take **English, Social Studies, and/or Science** courses at an advanced level. These courses include Pre-IB, International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), and Honors classes. **To be eligible to take these courses, students must score proficient (achievement level 3 or better) on the May 2023 F.A.S.T. English Language Arts assessment.**

Scoring proficient means a student has demonstrated mastery of ELA standards at the state's expectation of grade level (score of 3) or above grade level (score of 4 or 5). Our expectation of our advanced-level courses is that they are taught at a rigor and pace that is above grade level. However, any student who has demonstrated mastery at at least grade level on the F.A.S.T. may elect to pursue an advanced level course schedule. Students who score at-below grade level proficiency will be placed in classes at the standard pace aimed at allowing them to be successful while working to improve to the state's minimum requirement of proficiency for graduation.

Should a student score a 2 on the F.A.S.T. in May but still desire to try to qualify for advanced level classes in 2023-2024, we do have a pathway designated for that. If the student is a rising 10th grader and scores a 2 in May, they will be given a standard level schedule for the 2023-2024 school year and begin the year on that schedule. The F.A.S.T. Progress Monitoring 1 assessment will be given in the first three weeks of school. If the student scores a 4 or 5, they will be given a revised schedule of advanced-level courses at parent request. If the student scores a 3, they will be eligible for a revised schedule after an in-person meeting including student, parent/guardian, school counselor, and administrator.

If the student is a rising 11th grader and scores a 2 on the F.A.S.T. in May but still desires advanced-level classes, they can qualify through getting a concordant score on the SAT or ACT prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year. No adjustments will be made for results achieved after the start of the term. On the SAT, students will need a score of 480 or better. On the ACT, students will need an *average* score of 18 or better between the Reading and English sections. The summer SAT is June 3rd with the late registration deadline of May 23. The ACT is offered twice, on June 10 (late registration deadline of May 19) and July 15 (registration deadline of June 16). Note that the SAT and ACT are administered on Saturdays and do cost money for students. Sebastian River High School does not coordinate these tests and cannot register students for them. That is the responsibility of the student's family. Your student's counselor may *assist* them in creating an account and applying for fee waivers but all registration must be done by the individual and parent.

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