**You may use the template below to notify parents/guardians of their student’s participation in the Spring 2020 paper-based NGSSS EOC assessment administration. Please customize this letter, as applicable, by modifying the red fields and placing the letter on school or district letterhead prior to sending. You may also use this language to post to your school or district website or distribute to parents/guardians via email.**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take a paper-based form of the [Biology 1/Civics/U.S. History Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment(s)], as an accommodation per his or her IEP or Section 504 plan, on [administration day(s)/date(s)]. Each NGSSS EOC assessment is administered in one 160-minute session, but students may work up to the length of a typical school day.

If you or your student would like to gain familiarity with the item types and response formats that your student will see on the paper-based test, sample test questions and answer keys are available at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/end-of-course-eoc-assessments>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

**■ Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.

**■ Calculators**—For the Biology 1 EOC assessment, students will use a handheld four-function calculator. **No other calculators may be used.**

**■ Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All NGSSS tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement in their test and answer books.

**■ Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states: “Because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram.” Please make sure your student understands that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**

**■ Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others.If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

**■ Leaving Campus**—If your student begins a test session and leaves campus before completing it (e.g., for lunch, an appointment, illness), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

**■ Testing Accommodations**—Please contact the school to discuss any other testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact [School Contact] at [Contact Information]. For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the website for the FDOE’s Bureau of K–12 Assessment at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment>.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

[Principal’s Name]