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The stakes are high for JoAnn Bridges Academy students taking the Florida Standards Assessment English Language Arts, more commonly known as the FSA ELA. A passing score is required of Florida high school students in order to graduate with a diploma. With so much on the line, students often experience high anxiety and stress about the test, but not at JoAnn Bridges Academy.

To assist with test preparation, JBA educators invited Dr. Barbara Pettiford, Testing Coordinator for Madison County School District, to speak with the students. Dr. Pettiford shared five key test-taking tips and a video about online testing. To further reduce anxiety, she divided the young women into four groups and invited each to write down as many encouraging words they could think of. The students then learned a singing skit that outlined test taking strategies to the tune of “Old Town Road.”

FSA ELA testing day passed without incident and weeks later when the students received their scores, their hard work and Dr. Pettiford’s tips paid off. Two JoAnn Bridges Academy students received letters from Florida Governor Ron DeSantis congratulating them on their performance on the 2019 Florida Statewide Assessment. These students, as well as others with academic achievements, positive attitudes, and outstanding citizenship were recognized in the JoAnn Bridges Academy Jewel Ceremony.
