

New York State 3rd-8th Grade Testing

Key Differences between typical testing and 2021

With the COVID-19 crisis still affecting the State of New York and students having varied levels of in-person instruction, the Board of Regents and the New York State Department of Education took necessary steps to provide essential flexibility in state testing for the State's students, families and educators. These assessment-related actions by the Department provide for the flexibility necessary to meet federal requirements while ensuring the well-being of those in our school buildings.

About the tests

Typically the English Language Arts (ELA) and Math tests are given in two sessions and are untimed.

Typically all students grades 3-8 take the test. Any parents who indicate that their child will be a refusal did so in writing. Anyone not taking the test read in a separate location.

3-8 testing and some High School Regents exams meet the requirements of the Federal Department of Education. Data informs allocations for resources and is typically tied to school performance.

Changes for 2021

Only **one** session of the ELA, Math, and 4th/8th grade Science tests will be given. The tests will be shorter because field test questions will not be included. The session will continue to be untimed. This computer-based test will be multiple choice. Students will use their 1:1 computer devices in a secure protocol for accessing the test in their testing locations.

All students 3-8 who attend school in-person take the test. Fully remote students are invited to join the exam in-person, but do not have to. The test must be taken on campus. Remote students not taking the exam will be indicated as remote 999. Students in quarantine will be marked as remote. Written notification of an in-person refusal to take the test should be turned in to the child's main office by April 23rd. Refusals will be coded as *96. Students not taking the test will read in a separate location.

Student test data will continue to be helpful in guiding our instruction and understanding of student growth. However, this test data will not be tied to federal funding allocations and other previous requirements for measuring school performance for 2020-2021.



3RD & 6TH GRADE
4TH & 5TH GRADE
7TH & 8TH GRADE

ELA

APRIL 22ND MAY 11TH

APRIL 23RD MAY 7TH

APRIL 27TH MAY 6TH

*Make-up exams will be given the following day

MATH

SCIENCE

Grades 4 and 8 ONLY

JUNE 7TH & 8TH

Make Up Exams 6/8 & 6/9