



North Babylon Schools

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Deputy Superintendent

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Dear Grades 3-8 Parents/Guardians,

State and federal laws require schools to administer the State Assessments in ELA and Mathematics in Grades 3-8 and Science in Grades 5 & 8. As a school district, we encourage students to put forth their best effort on all assessments. This year's assessments will be administered according to the following schedule:

Grade	ELA	Math	Science
3	April 17 & 18, 2024	May 2 & 3, 2024	N / A
4	April 15 & 16, 2024	May 2 & 3, 2024	N / A
5	April 11 & 12, 2024	April 30 & May 1, 2024	May 9, 2024
6	April 30 & May 1, 2024	May 7 & 8, 2024	N / A
7			N / A
8			May 14, 2024

*Field Tests may also be offered (buildings, grades, subjects and dates TBD by NYSED later this year)

This year, students will be taking computer-based versions of the assessments across New York State. As always, students who are entitled to applicable testing accommodations based on their IEP, 504, and/or ENL status will continue to be afforded those accommodations.

Over the next few months, teachers will work with students to familiarize them with the testing platform and allow them to practice with the electronic testing environment and testing tools (if interested, you can view the NYSED Question Sampler website [HERE](#)). As part of this preparation, all schools in the state are required to participate in a brief "simulation" (practice test consisting of approximately 10 questions in which the results do not count and are not reported in any way). Students in Grades 5 and 6 only will participate in the simulation during the regular school day using ELA practice questions on the following dates:

Building	Date	Time
Belmont	January 25, 2024	11:15 am
Marion G. Vedder	January 25, 2024	1:30 pm
Parliament Place	January 23, 2024	11:00 am
William E. DeLuca	January 24, 2024	9:45 am
Woods Road	January 24, 2024	11:30 am
RMMS	January 26, 2024	8:00 am

Please note that we respect a parent's right to decide whether or not their child participates in State Assessments. We do, however, require students to participate in all local testing (e.g. STAR Renaissance).

If you have any questions or concerns about these assessments, we encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher or principal at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

Kim Skillen