



March 27, 2024

Dear Grade 3-8 Parents & Families:

The students in Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District participate in the New York State Education Department (NYSED) computer-based testing for grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. This year, students in grades 5 & 8 will also participate in the computer-based NYS Science assessments. Students participate in these tests within the regularly scheduled school day.

Please find the schedule for these tests on the second page of this letter.

Participating in NYS assessments is important and encouraged as they are a key component of:

- Fostering students' ability to "show what they know" in various ways
- Supplying teachers with additional information and insight into students' learning and growth
- Providing the district with valuable information that may affect programming
- Allowing students to practice stamina and resilience for future independence

Our teachers and instructional staff are committed to providing standards aligned teaching and learning opportunities every day for our students. These assessments provide valuable information and evidence of student achievement and growth in relationship to these standards. We appreciate your support and partnership in this valuable assessment process.

If you have any questions regarding NYS assessments or your student's learning, please feel free to reach out to your student's teacher or principal.

Sincerely,

Hakim Jones, Pieter B. Coeymans Principal
Debra Neubart, A.W. Becker Principal
Victoria DeGouff, Elementary Assistant Principal
Denise Capece, Middle School Principal
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Schedule of NYS Assessments 2024

A.W. Becker Testing Dates			
Grade	ELA Test	Math Test	Science
Grade 3 & 4	Day 1: Tuesday, April 16 Day 2: Wednesday, April 17	Day 1: Tuesday, April 30 Day 2: Wednesday, May 1	No Test
Grade 5	Day 1: Tuesday, April 16 Day 2: Wednesday, April 17	Day 1: Tuesday, April 30 Day 2: Wednesday, May 1	Wednesday, May 8

P.B Coeymans Testing Dates			
Grade	ELA Test	Math Test	Science
Grade 3 & 4	Day 1: Wednesday, April 17 Day 2: Thursday, April 18	Day 1: Tuesday, May 7 Day 2: Wednesday, May 8	No Test
Grade 5	Day 1: Wednesday, April 17 Day 2: Thursday, April 18	Day 1: Tuesday, May 7 Day 2: Wednesday, May 8	Tuesday, May 14

RCS Middle School Testing Dates			
Grade	ELA Test	Math Test	Science
Grade 6 & 7	Day 1: Wednesday, April 10 Day 2: Thursday, April 11	Day 1: Tuesday, May 7 Day 2: Wednesday, May 8	No Test
Grade 8	Day 1: Wednesday, April 10 Day 2: Thursday, April 11	Day 1: Tuesday, May 7 Day 2: Wednesday, May 8	Tuesday, May 14

Make up tests can occur at any time during the test administration window (April 8 - May 17) after the initial administration occurs at the school.

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