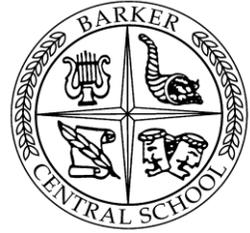


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March 21, 2022

To Parents/Guardians of Barker 3-8 Grade Students:

The annual New York State assessments are coming up again and we wanted to remind parents of some of the information and changes to this process.

Dates:

ELA Grades 3-8: March 29 and March 30

Math Grades 3-8: April 26 and April 27

Science Grade 4 Performance: May 25. Science Grade 8 Performance: June 2

Science Grades 4 and 8 Written: June 6

The ELA and Math assessments are two daily sessions each and are untimed. Students have as much time to complete as they deem necessary until the end of the school day, as long as they are engaged.

Another alteration for this year's administration is that ELA and Math will be Computer-Based Testing (CBT). The NYS Education Department has been encouraging the use of CBT for several years and we are adopting this process now. We have done sample assessments and tested our equipment to ensure there are as few technical issues as possible on the day of administration.

All students in grades 3-8 must have their district-issued Chromebook on the days of these assessments. Please ensure your child brings it in and it is fully charged. Any student who does not have a school issued Chromebook will be given one to use on testing days.

Also, please remember that these assessments are only one data point in the overall assessment of a student's learning. A full picture of a child's success is better understood when we use multiple measurements and data points throughout an entire school year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michael Carter, District Principal

Erin Goodlander, Instructional Support Specialist & Testing Coordinator