

25-26 Elementary Investigations Schedule				
NYS Elementary-Level Science Investigation	Inheritance and Variation of Traits: Circle of Life	Weather and Climate: Cloud in a Bottle	Energy: Light it Up	Structure and Properties of Matter: What's in the Bag
District Administration Grade Level	Grade 3	Grade 3 Grade 5	Grade 4	Grade 5
Primary Performance Expectations	3-LS1-1	3-ESS2-3	4PS3-4	5PS1-4
Administration Dates	October (Week 4)	May (Week 3) March (week 3)	November (Week 4)	October (Week 4)
To check the labs in Power Teacher: Power Teacher -> Student Information -> Select Screen (Test results)				
Grade 5 Science Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mock Assessment State Assessment (CBT) 		STEAM Night Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 13, 2025 May 14, 2026 Earth Day Celebrations: April 22-24, 2026		
Investigation Grading Info		Point Values		Calculating Investigation Scores: After determining the score of the question using the rubric, use the point values above to determine the score of each question. To get the overall score and grade for the investigation , add the points of each question for a total # of points and divide by the total number of questions. This equation will get you the overall score of the investigation.
Missing		0		
Emerging		1		
Developing		2		
Proficient		3		
Excelling		4		

Test Design and Administration

Test Blueprint

The tables below illustrate the domain-level test blueprint percent ranges for each grade. All questions on the 2025 Elementary-level and Intermediate-level Science Tests measure the New York State P-12 Science Learning Standards. All the Performance Expectations (PEs) at each grade level are connected to the Science and Engineering Practices (SEPs), Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCIs), and Crosscutting Concepts (CCCs). Therefore, the 2025 Elementary-level and Intermediate-level Science Tests will include questions that require students to connect all three dimensions (SEPs, DCIs, CCCs).

Domain-level Operational Test Blueprint—Percent Ranges for ELS			
Physical Sciences	Life Science	Earth and Space Sciences	Engineering, Technology, and the Applications of Science²
34–40%	23–29%	27–33%	3–7%