



NYSED Office of State Assessment Update

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Getting Ready for Spring 2026 Elementary- and Intermediate-Level ELA, Math, and Science tests

- We are here. Full implementation of Computer-Based Testing!
- General Information:
 - Administration Procedures
 - Simulation
 - Regional Centers
 - Additional Guidance on Testing Schedule
 - Procedures for Requesting, Shipping, and Storing Materials
- Test Manuals:
 - Educator Guides
 - School Administrator's Manual
 - Teacher's Directions
- Parent Resources can be found [here](#).

More Information is Available on CBT Support:

Quick Links

Quick video tutorials:

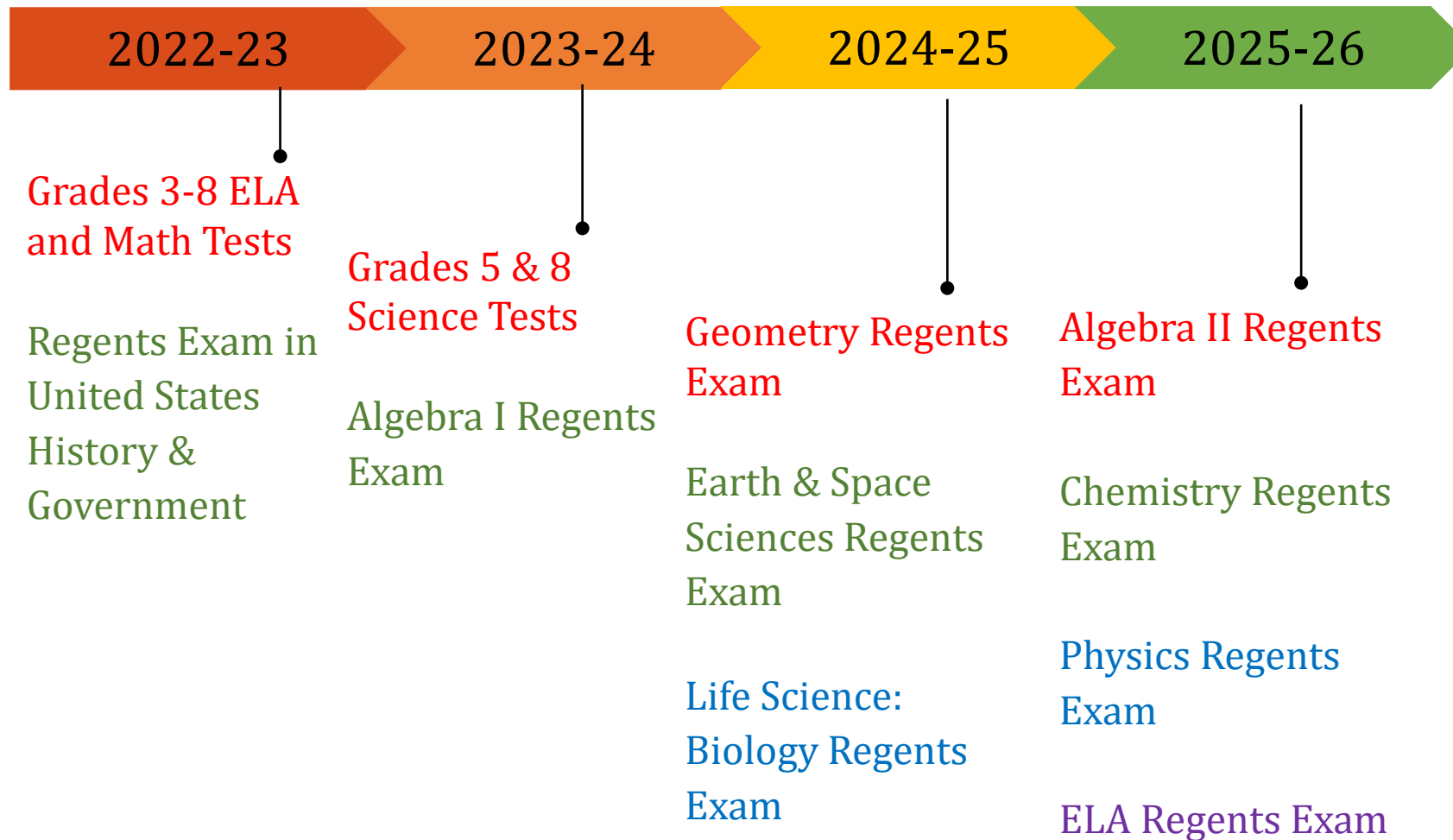
- [Learn how to Download and Test the Questar Secure Browser](#)
- [Learn about Nextera Admin features and functionality](#)
- [Learn how to add New Users in Nextera Admin](#)
- [Learn how to edit and add Classes in Nextera Admin](#)
- [Learn how to edit and add Students in Nextera Admin](#)
- [Learn how to use the CBT Equation Editor Drawing Tool](#)
- [Learn how to use the Highlighter tool on an iPad](#)

Quick Reference Guides (QRG):

- [Updating Teacher Accounts QRG](#)
- [Equation Editor Drawing Tool QRG](#)
- [Text to Speech QRG](#)
- [Not Tested Codes QRG](#)
- [Accessing Student Constructed Responses QRG](#)
- [Concurrent Login QRG](#)

- [Setup and Installation Guide \(SIG\)](#)
- [ScorePoint Manual](#)

Implementation of Assessments Measuring New/Revised Learning Standards



Implementation Schedule for New Regents Examinations

- Details regarding the implementation schedule
- Period of overlap of the old and new exams

First and Last Administration of New Regents Examinations

Exam Title	First Administration of New Exam	Last Administration of Current Exam
Algebra I	June 2024	January 2024
Geometry	June 2025	January 2025
Earth & Space Sciences*	June 2025	June 2026
Life Science: Biology*	June 2025	June 2026
Algebra II	June 2026	January 2026
Chemistry*	June 2026	June 2027
Physics*	June 2026	June 2027
English Language Arts	June 2026	January 2026

* For science, the new learning standards are not as strongly aligned to the prior standards. As a result, there will be an overlap period of the old and new exams for four administrations. This will ensure that students can complete the exam that matches the instruction they received.

- A new Regents Examination is developed when there are new academic learning standards, a revision to the learning standards, or a change in test design.
- Whenever a newly developed exam is administered for the first time, a standard setting meeting must be held to determine the levels of expectation (i.e., cut scores) for classification into each performance level.
- More information on all that this entails can be found [here](#).

Why Do New June Regents Exams Need To Be Administered Early?

Minor Updates to Some Documents for the Required Investigations for the Regents Examinations in the Sciences

- The Office of State Assessment has posted updates to some documents associated with the required Investigations for the Regents Examinations in the sciences measuring the New York State P-12 Science Learning Standards.
- [The Revision Log](#) shows all updates and can be utilized as a tool to help guide educators in locating a specific documents that have been updated.
- All Investigations documents can be found on the NYSED Business Application Portal through the Office of State Assessment Online Examination Request System. This can be accessed by the building principals in the same application in which they request exam materials.
- The required Investigations for the Regents Examinations in the sciences are performance-based tasks that are a component of the State's strategy for assessing science.



Update on Guidance Materials for New Regents Exams

Performance Level Descriptions

- [AII](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [ELA](#)
- [Physics](#)

Available on OSA website



Crosswalk Documents

- [AII](#)
- [ELA](#)

Available on OSA website



Educator Guides

- [AII](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [ELA](#)
- [Physics](#)

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[FAQ Science Regents Investigations](#)

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Science Sample Clusters

- [Chemistry](#)
- [Physics Sample](#)

Available on OSA website



Math Sample Items

- [AII](#)
(within Educator Guide)

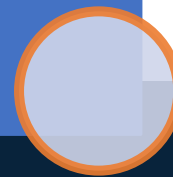
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ELA

- Written Response Sample Items
- What to Expect document

To be released late fall



Additional Information for New Regents Examination in ELA

What to Expect Document is available [here](#). What will the Regents Exam in English Language Arts look like?

Part 1 - Reading Comprehension section will be similar to the prior exams, with three reading passages and 24 multiple choice questions.

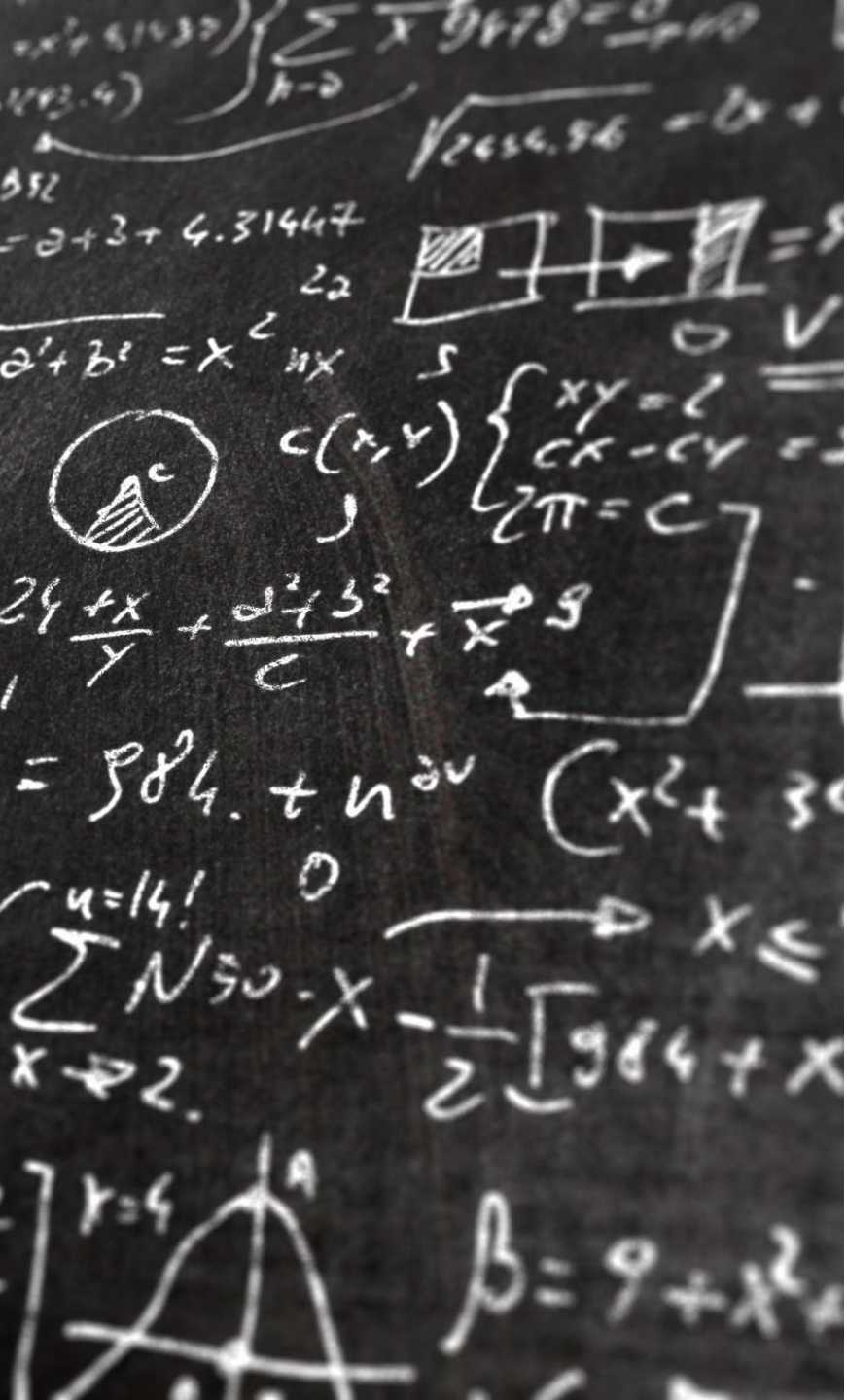
Part 2 - Argument essay keeps a familiar 4-source format, but the total word count of the sources has been reduced.

Part 3 - Analysis response allows for development of either a theme or central idea.

Directions and Rubrics:

The Part 2 and Part 3 directions to students have been streamlined and provided as a checklist.

The Part 2 and Part 3 scoring rubrics have been revised for clarity.



Test Development

- NYS test development process is outlined on this web page, see video too!
- Teacher feedback is welcome after every exam that is administered.

Educator Opportunities

Information regarding opportunities to participate in our test development process can be found on our website

- ☰ About State Assessments
- NYSED Test Development Process
- History of New York State Assessments ▶
- Test Development Participation Opportunities ▼
 - Elementary-and Intermediate-level Science Tests
 - Teacher Certification Examinations
- Teacher Feedback on State Assessments
- How Test Questions Are Created in New York State ▶
- How Are Regents Examinations Created

Test Development Participation Opportunities

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) asks all educators who wish to participate in test development activities to complete our online application located at <https://www.research.net/s/NYSTPRecruit>.



The Department offers many opportunities for New York State (NYS) certified teachers and administrators and other qualified professionals (including Higher Education faculty and administration) to contribute to the creation and review of state assessments including:

- Item Writing/Development
- Educational Passage Review
- Test Form Construction
- Item Review
- Final Eyes Review
- Bias Review
- Rangefinding/Marker Response
- Standard Setting and Verification
- Performance Level Description Development
- Scoring Material Development

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Contact US!



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