

# **Grades 3-8 New York State Assessments FAQ**

## **ELA, Math & Science Assessment Information**



*The FAQ is meant to help answer questions regarding your child's testing experience.*

### **1. When are the ELA and Math Assessments?**

|                  | <b>ELA</b>    | <b>Math</b> | <b>Science</b>        |
|------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Grade 3-5</b> | April 21 & 22 | May 5 & 6   | May 12 (Grade 5 only) |
| <b>Grade 6-8</b> | April 21 & 22 | May 5 & 6   | May 12 (Grade 8 only) |

### **2. What grade levels test on paper vs the computer?**

|                    | <b>ELA</b>      | <b>Math</b>     | <b>Science</b>                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Grade 3</b>     | Computer- based | Computer- based | Computer- based (Grade 5 only) |
| <b>Grades 4 -8</b> | Computer- based | Computer- based | Computer- based(Grade 8 only)  |

### **3. Why are these assessments important for your child and our district?**

- ★ Practice for future assessments (Regents exams at the high school level).
- ★ These tests are a program evaluation that do not count toward your child's academic standing but help the district evaluate curriculum and instruction.
- ★ Results are part of the academic conversation when making curricular and instructional decisions.
- ★ Student performance on the state assessment serves as one data point for the student's overall academic performance.

### **4. Are the tests timed?**

- ★ No. Students are provided as much time as needed to complete the tests as long as they are productively working.

### **5. If my child has an IEP or 504 Plan, will they receive accommodations?**

- ★ Yes, accommodations are provided as specified on their plans, either in paper or through the computer, depending on their grade level.

### **6. Do English Language Learners (ELL) receive testing accommodations?**

- ★ Yes, all current ELLs and former ELLs (for up to 2 years after exiting ELL status) receive testing accommodations.

**7. What is the testing format?**

★ The test (ELA & math) is administered over a 2 day period (session 1 and session 2).

| <b>2026 Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Test Design</b> |   |  |
|--|---|--|
|  | <b>Session 1<br/>Reading</b>            | <b>Session 2<br/>Writing</b>                               |
| <b>Number of Reading Passages</b>                        | <b>Grades 3-8: 4</b>                    | <b>Grade 3: 2<br/>Grade 4-6: 3<br/>Grades 7-8: 4</b>       |
| <b>Number of Multiple Choice Questions</b>               | <b>Grade 3-4: 23<br/>Grades 5-8: 26</b> | <b>Grades 3 -4: 6<br/>Grades 5-6: 7<br/>Grades 7-8: 14</b> |
| <b>Two-Credit Constructed Response Questions</b>         | <b>Grades 3-4: 2<br/>Grades 5-8: 2</b>  | <b>Grades 3-8: 3</b>                                       |
| <b>Four-Credit Constructed Response Questions</b>        | <b>NONE</b>                             | <b>Grade 3: 0<br/>Grade 4- 8: 1</b>                        |

| <b>2026 Grades 3-8 Mathematics Test Design</b>               |  |   |
|--|--|---|
|  | <b>Session 1</b>   | <b>Session 2</b>                                    |
| <b>Number of Multiple Choice Questions</b>                   | <b>Grade 3: 25<br/>Grades 4-6: 30<br/>Grades 7-8: 32</b> | <b>Grades 3-5: 5<br/>Grades 6-8: 6</b>              |
| <b>Number of Constructed Response Questions<br/>1-Credit</b> | <b>NONE</b>  | <b>Grades 3-8: 3</b>                                |
| <b>Number of Constructed Response Questions<br/>2-Credit</b> | <b>NONE</b>  | <b>Grade 3: 4<br/>Grade 4-5: 5<br/>Grade 6-8: 6</b> |
| <b>Number of Constructed Response Questions<br/>3-Credit</b> | <b>NONE</b>  | <b>Grades 3-8: 1</b>                                |

**Elementary-level and Intermediate-level Science Test Design**

| <b>Grade Level</b> | <b>Number of<br/>Question<br/>Clusters</b> | <b>Total Number<br/>of Questions</b> |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 5                  | 7-9  | 36-43                                |
| 8                  | 10-12                                      | 56-62                                |