

John F. Kennedy Middle School

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Dear John F. Kennedy Middle School Families:

We hope this letter finds you well. At John F. Kennedy Middle School, we are diligently planning and preparing for the final stretch of the school year, which includes the 2026 NYS Spring Assessments in grades 6-8.

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and administration, we greatly appreciate your partnership in having your child take the NYS Assessments. As you may know, these assessments provide our school with valuable data. Specifically, NYS Assessments help our educators understand our students' strengths and needs; gauge skills and highlight areas for improvement; and help students prepare for Regents and College Board exams occurring at the high school level.

This year's computer-based state assessments will be conducted online via each student's district-issued Chromebook. To ensure that all students are prepared with their fully charged Chromebooks, we will follow our standard protocols for state assessments. All students should bring their district-issued Chromebook and charger to school the day before the state test begins. Chromebooks and chargers will remain in school to ensure all students have fully charged Chromebooks and are prepared to take the assessment online. Student Chromebooks and Chromebook chargers may be brought back home after the test concludes. During this time, no homework will be assigned via the Google Classroom platform.

For the ELA test, students should bring their Chromebook and charger to school on Tuesday, April 28, through Thursday, April 30. For the Math test, students should bring their Chromebook and charger to school on Tuesday, May 5, through Thursday, May 7. For the Science test, grade 8 students should bring their Chromebook and charger to school from Monday, May 11, through Tuesday, May 12.

We ask that parents/guardians ensure their children are well-rested, on time, and arrive prepared to do their best. As a school, we will be well-organized and prepared to make the testing process as seamless as possible.

Students will follow a normal morning arrival. All students will put their belongings in their lockers, take breakfast, and report to their homeroom. Students will have the opportunity to eat their breakfast and use the restroom. Each test will begin no later than 9:15 am.

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**Please see the testing schedule below:*

English Language Arts - Grade Level Testing Date
All students, grades 6-8, Wednesday, April 29, 2026 - Session I
All students, grades 6-8, Thursday, April 30, 2026 - Session II

Mathematics - Grade Level Testing Date
All students, grades 6-8, Wednesday, May 6, 2026 - Session I
All students, grades 6-8, Thursday, May 7, 2026 - Session II

Science - Grade Level Testing Date
Grade 8 Only Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - Written Test

**Please note, absent students may take the assessment during a make-up testing session immediately upon their return to school.*

Finally, a student may not have access to electronic devices while in the testing room. **We advise all students to leave their personally owned electronic devices (cell phones, smartwatches) at home on testing days. Students who bring their personal electronic devices (cell phones, smartwatches) to school on testing days may be asked to submit them to their classroom teacher/test proctor prior to testing.**

Thank you for reviewing this important letter. Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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