

**The University of the State of New York
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Office for Standards, Assessment and Reporting**

**Important Dates for Grades 4 and 8
English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests
2005**

| Activity | Grade 4 ELA | Grade 8 ELA | Grade 4 Mathematics | Grade 8 Mathematics |
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| Book 1 and Book 2 (and Listening Selection for ELA) Arrive at Schools from Department [#] | Jan 26-28 | Jan 5-7 | May 4-6 | May 4-6 |
| Administration of Book 1 and Book 2 | Jan 31-Feb 4* | Jan 10-14* | May 10-12 | May 10-11 |
| Makeup Testing for Book 1 or Book 2 | Feb 7-11 | Jan 18-21 | May 13-17 | May 12-16 |
| Item Map Posted on Department Web Site | Feb 14 | Jan 24 | May 18 | May 18 |
| Scoring Materials Arrive at Schools from Department [#] | Feb 10-11 | Jan 20-21 | May 16-17 | May 13-16 |
| Videotapes for Scorer Training Arrive at Districts/Nonpublic Schools from Measurement, Inc. [#] | Feb 10-11 | Jan 20-21 | May 16-17 | May 13-16 |
| Help Line for Scoring (877-516-2403) Available Weekdays (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) [^] | Feb 11-18, Feb 28 - March 4 | Jan 21 - Feb 7 | May 17-27 | May 16-27 |
| Questions and Answers for Scoring Posted on Department Web Site (http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa) | Feb 11 | Jan 21 | May 17 | May 16 |
| Scoring by Districts/Regions and Nonpublic Schools ^{**} | Feb 11 - March 4 | Jan 21 - Feb 7 | May 17-27 | May 16-27 |
| Quality Check of Answer Sheets Completed by Districts/Schools ⁺ | March 8 | Feb 9 | June 1 | May 26 |
| Answer Sheets Returned by Districts to Scanning Centers and by Nonpublic Schools to Department: Office of Information and Reporting Services ^{**} | March 9 | Feb 10 | June 2 | May 27 |
| Answer Key for Multiple-Choice Questions Posted on Department Web Site (http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa) | March 25 | Feb 28 | June 3 | June 3 |
| Scanning Centers FTP (File Transfer Protocol) Scanned Data to CTB/McGraw-Hill | April 19 | March 22 | July 18 | July 14 |
| Expected Standard Performance Indexes Posted on Department Web Site | May 4 | May 4 | August 15 | August 15 |
| Score Reports to Schools | May 4-9 | May 4-9 | August 15-19 | August 15-19 |

[#] Tests and scoring materials must be stored in a secure location until the date that the answer sheets are due to be returned to scanning centers.

* Public school districts and nonpublic schools should select specific dates within the testing periods specified for administration of the ELA tests in their schools.

[^] Schools that have difficulty accessing the 877 area code should fax questions to the help line (919-425-7733). The help line for Grade 4 ELA will be closed Feb. 21-25, but will accept faxes and will respond to the faxes the morning of February 28.

**** Public school districts and nonpublic schools must adhere to these dates in order to receive their official individual student score reports. Districts that return their answer sheets to the scanning centers past the dates specified will have their scores computed by the scanning centers and reported to the Department through the LEAP system. Answer sheets returned to the Department by nonpublic schools past the dates specified will not be included in the calculation of the school's mandated services aid.**

⁺ Refer to School Administrator's Manual for details.