

TO: District Superintendents
 Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools
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SUBJECT: Dates of Elementary- and Intermediate-Level State Assessments for the 2003-2004 School Year

2003-2004 School Year

Examination	Administration Dates	Make-up Dates	Field Tests
Grade 4 English Language Arts	Monday, February 2– Friday, February 6*	Monday, February 9– Friday, February 13	NA
Grade 4 Mathematics	Tuesday, May 4– Thursday, May 6	Friday, May 7– Tuesday, May 11	NA
Grade 8 English Language Arts	Monday, January 12– Friday, January 16*	Tuesday, January 20– Friday, January 23	NA
Grade 8 Mathematics	Tuesday, May 4– Wednesday, May 5	Thursday, May 6– Friday, May 7	NA
Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science	Any time in May	Any time in May	Administered in a Department-selected sample of statistically representative schools. Selected schools will be contacted directly by the Department.
Grade 5 Elementary-Level Social Studies	Wednesday, November 19– Thursday, November 20	Friday, November 21– Tuesday, November 25	
Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science Performance Test	Any time in January**	Any time in January	
Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science Written Test	Any time between Wednesday, June 2 and Thursday, June 17	Any time between Thursday, June 3 and Thursday, June 17	
Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Social Studies	Wednesday, June 2 and Thursday, June 3	Friday, June 4, Monday, June 7, and Tuesday, June 8	
Intermediate-Level Technology Education	Optional, dates to be determined by school	Optional, dates to be determined by school	NA
Alternate Assessment for Students with Severe Disabilities***	From Monday, November 3 to Friday, February 13	NA	NA

* Public school districts and nonpublic schools should select specific dates (three for Grade 4 and two for Grade 8) within the test administration windows specified above.

Schools that **do not participate in block or semester programs will administer the performance test in January only. Schools that have semester schedules may administer this performance test in May only to those of their students who study science exclusively in the spring semester.

***This datafolio test is also administered to secondary level students with severe disabilities during the same administration dates.