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TO: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools
Principals of Public and Nonpublic Schools

FROM: David Abrams, Assistant Commissioner

SUBJECT: Dates of Elementary- and Intermediate-Level State Assessments for the 2005–2006 School Year

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| Examination | Administration Dates | Make-up Dates | Field Tests |
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| Grades 3, 4 & 5 English Language Arts | Monday, January 9- Friday, January 13* | Tuesday, January 17- Friday, January 20 [^] | Monday, January 23- Friday, January 27 [%] |
| Grades 6, 7 & 8 English Language Arts | Tuesday, January 17- Friday, January 20* | Monday, January 23- Friday, January 27 [^] | Monday, January 23- Friday, January 27 [%] |
| Grades 3, 4 & 5 Mathematics | Monday, March 6- Friday, March 10* | Monday, March 13- Friday, March 17 [^] | Monday, March 20- Friday, March 24 [%] |
| Grades 6, 7 & 8 Mathematics | Monday, March 13- Friday, March 17* | Monday, March 20- Friday, March 24 [^] | Monday, March 20- Friday, March 24 [%] |
| Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science | Monday, April 10- Friday, May 12 | Tuesday, April 11- Friday, May 12 | Administered in a Department-selected sample of statistically representative schools. Selected schools will be contacted directly by the Department. For more information see: http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/3-8/fieldtest.htm . |
| Grade 5 Elementary-Level Social Studies | Wednesday, November 16 - Part 1 Thursday, November 17 - Part 2 | Friday, November 18, Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22 | |
| Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science Performance Test | Monday, April 10- Friday, May 12 | Tuesday, April 11- Friday, May 12 | |
| Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science Written Test | Monday May 1- Friday May 12 | Tuesday, May 2- Friday May 12 | |
| Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Social Studies | Wednesday, June 7 - Booklet 1 Thursday, June 8 - Booklet 2 | Friday, June 9, Monday, June 12 and Tuesday, June 13 | |
| Alternate Assessment for Students with Severe Disabilities | Monday, October 3- Friday, February 10 [□] | N/A | N/A |
| New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) | Monday, May 8- Friday, May 19 | N/A | Administered in a Department-selected sample of statistically representative schools. Selected schools will be contacted directly by Harcourt Assessment, Inc. |
| NYSESLAT (Speaking) | Monday, April 24- Friday, May 19 | N/A | |
| Intermediate-Level Technology Education | Optional, dates to be determined by school. | Optional, dates to be determined by school. | N/A |

* Schools must arrange to administer the English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests to students during the specified administration week for the test. Within each grade, schools are to administer the test on the same day to all general education students except for those students who are absent. Schools may schedule the tests for different grades on different sets of days within the specified week; for example, the school may administer the Grade 6 Mathematics Test on Monday, March 13, and Tuesday, March 14, while administering the Grade 8 Mathematics Tests on Thursday, March 16, and Friday, March 17.

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

[^] The make-up week, which immediately follows the administration week, is to be used for administering make-up tests to students who were absent during the primary administration week. The make-up week can also be used to complete the initial administrations in schools that were closed due to inclement weather or other unexpected events for one or more days of the primary test administration week. In addition, this make-up period may be used to administer tests to those students with disabilities and limited-English-proficient students whose testing accommodations would have, in the school's judgment, been difficult to provide during the primary administration week. Make-up testing may begin during the primary administration week on any days that remain following the school's completion of initial testing and must be completed no later than the last day of the make-up week.

[%] All schools are expected to participate in the field testing for the Grades 3-8 tests. Schools can access the field test matrix on the Department's web site at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/3-8/fieldtest.htm> to determine what test and grade level they will be field testing. First, look at the Strand List to find your school's strand number, then go to the matrix to find the test you will administer.