



DATA DIRECTOR
Information and Reporting Services

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Subject: Release of Grades 3–8 ELA and Math Scores, Reporting and Certification Deadline, and Availability of preAORs and Accountability Status Determinations

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to inform you of the availability of the 2010–11 New York State Testing Program (NYSTP) Grades 3–8 English language arts (ELA) and mathematics scores, the revised deadline for reporting and certifying data in the Student Information Repository System (SIRS) for the 2010–11 school year, and the availability of the full 2010–11 *Preview Accountability and Overview Reports* (preAORs) and 2011–12 accountability statuses.

NYSTP 3–8 ELA and Mathematics Scores Availability

Scores for the 2010–11 NYSTP 3–8 ELA and mathematics assessments will be available to schools and districts in the Verification Reports in the Level 2 Reporting (L2RPT) environment (see <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/level2reports/home.html>) and on nySTART (www.nySTART.gov) on **August 4, 2011**. Data on these assessments will be released publicly by the Commissioner on **August 8, 2011**. ***School and district aggregated results are embargoed until the Commissioner's public release. Data under embargo cannot be discussed at public meetings or released to the public or the media.***

SIRS Reporting Deadline

In order to allow schools and districts sufficient time to carefully review 2010–11 school year data while preparing for the opening the new school year, the deadline for reporting data in Level 2 of SIRS for the 2010–11 school year has been revised to **September 30, 2011**. Data in Level 2 of SIRS at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2011 will be used to make No Child Left Behind (NCLB) accountability status determinations, in New York State Report Cards, and for other State and federal reporting purposes. The final deadline for reporting data in Level 1 of the SIRS to ensure that the data are loaded into Level 2 by the September 30, 2011 deadline may be earlier than September 30 and will be established by your local Level 1 data center. For a list of Level 1 data center contacts, see <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/nystart/tips.html#contax>.

Districts and schools are encouraged to review their Verification Reports in the Level 2 Reporting (L2RPT) environment or on nySTART in advance of this deadline to ensure that all students for whom the district or school is responsible are reported in SIRS with accurate demographic, program services, enrollment, special education snapshot, special education events and, when available, assessment and outcome data.

Certification of SIRS Data

Superintendents must certify data in SIRS as shown in the L2RPT or nySTART verification reports by submitting a completed 2010–11 Statement of Certification of Verification Report(s) form (available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irts/nystart/certification.html>) to their Regional Information Center (RIC) Director or Big 5 City School District Data Coordinator by **October 7, 2011**.

Preview Accountability and Overview Reports (preAORs)

District and school preAORs will be available according to the schedule below:

preAOR Available:	Based on Data in Level 2 of SIRS:	Contains:
August 4	July 29	Secondary-Level Data only
August 10	August 5	Elementary/Middle- and Secondary-Level Data
August 17	August 12	Elementary/Middle- and Secondary-Level Data
August 24	August 19	Elementary/Middle- and Secondary-Level Data
August 31	August 26	Elementary/Middle- and Secondary-Level Data
September 7	September 2	Elementary/Middle- and Secondary-Level Data
September 14	September 9	Elementary/Middle- and Secondary-Level Data
September 21	September 16	Elementary/Middle- and Secondary-Level Data
September 28	September 23	Elementary/Middle- and Secondary-Level Data
October 5 (Final)	September 30 (Data Frozen)	Elementary/Middle- and Secondary-Level Data

Data in the October 5, 2011 preAORs — which will reflect data in Level 2 of the SIRS on September 30, 2011, the reporting deadline — will be used to make 2011–12 accountability status determinations. If you believe that student information, assessment results, and/or outcomes are not accurately recorded in SIRS, please make the necessary changes in your local student management systems and load the revised information into the SIRS before the September 30 deadline.

Accountability Status Determinations

preAORs available beginning August 10, 2011 will show 2010–11 elementary/middle- and secondary-level Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations for districts and schools as well as 2011–12 district accountability statuses. School differentiated accountability statuses can be determined by entering the AYP information from the school preAOR into the “DA Phase and Category Worksheet for 2011–12 Status” available at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/APA/Differentiated_Accountability/DA_home.html. In addition, on **October 13, 2011**, “2011–12 Differentiated Accountability Status Reports” will be available to authorized users on the IRS Portal. Information about accessing the IRS Portal is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/irs-portal/>.

Information regarding how Local Education Agencies (LEAs) can implement federally required parental notification prior to the beginning of the 2011–12 school year will be forthcoming from Ira Schwartz, Assistant Commissioner for Accountability.

On behalf of the Commissioner and Department staff, I want to express our appreciation to all those who work so diligently to report, collect, and verify these data. We continue to make concerted efforts to improve our data collection and reporting systems so that we can minimize the effort required while ensuring data accuracy and integrity. Your ongoing feedback assists us greatly in these efforts.

If you have questions about SIRS or data verification, please contact the Office of Information and Reporting Services by phone (518-474-7965) or e-mail (dataguest@mail.nysed.gov). You may also contact your Regional Information Center or Big 5 Data Coordinator if you have questions about data contained in the SIRS.

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