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TO: District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Dates of Elementary- and Intermediate-Level State Assessments
for the 2008-09 School Year *

2008-2009 School Year			
Examination	Administration Dates	Make-up Dates	Field Tests
Grades 3, 4 & 5 English Language Arts	Monday, January 12- Friday, January 16 [±]	Tuesday, January 20- Friday, January 23 [^]	Monday, January 26- Friday, January 30 [%]
Grades 6, 7 & 8 English Language Arts	Tuesday, January 20- Friday, January 23 [±]	Monday, January 26- Friday, January 30 [^]	Monday, February 2- Friday, February 6 [%]
Grades 3, 4 & 5 Mathematics	Monday, March 2- Friday, March 6 [±]	Monday, March 9- Friday, March 13 [^]	Monday, March 16- Friday, March 20 [%]
Grades 6, 7 & 8 Mathematics	Monday, March 9- Friday, March 13 [±]	Monday, March 16- Friday, March 20 [^]	Monday, March 23- Friday, March 27 [%]
Grade 4 Elementary- Level Science Written Test And Performance Test	Wednesday, April 8 - Wednesday, May 6	Thursday, April 9 - Friday, May 8	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 12- Booklet 1 Thursday, November 13- Booklet 2	Friday, November 14, Monday, November 17, and Tuesday, November 18	
Grade 8 Intermediate- Level Science Performance Test	Wednesday, April 8- Wednesday, May 6	Thursday, April 9 - Friday, May 8	

* The Department consulted with various groups from both the public and nonpublic sectors for the design of this testing calendar. A concerted effort has been made to avoid scheduling State examinations on days of religious observation. Because each of these tests has scheduled make-up dates, no student should miss out on the opportunity to participate in these tests should the initial test administration in any school take place on a day of religious observance.

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Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science Written Test	Wednesday, April 29-Friday, May 8	Thursday, April 30 - Friday, May 8 [^]	Administered in a Department-selected sample of statistically representative schools. Selected schools will be contacted directly by the Department.
Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Social Studies	Tuesday, June 2-Booklet 1 Wednesday, June 3-Booklet 2	Thursday, June 4 - Tuesday, June 9	
New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) [□]	Monday, October 6, 2008-Friday, February 13, 2009	N/A	N/A
New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT)	Monday, May 4-Friday, May 15	Tuesday, May 5-Friday, May 15	Monday, March 30-Tuesday, April 7
NYSESLAT (Speaking)	Monday, April 20-Friday, May 15	Tuesday, April 21-Friday, May 15	
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 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 3 Mathematics Test on Monday, March 2, and Tuesday, March 3, while administering the Grade 5 Mathematics Test on Thursday, March 5, and Friday, March 6.

[□] This datafolio test is administered to elementary-, intermediate-, and secondary-level students with severe cognitive 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. 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.