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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 2006-07 School Year

2006–2007 School Year

Examination	Administration Dates	Make-up Dates	Field Tests
Grades 3, 4 & 5 English Language Arts	Monday, January 8- Friday, January 12*	Tuesday, January 16- Friday, January 19^	Monday, January 22- Friday, January 26%
Grades 6, 7 & 8 English Language Arts	Tuesday, January 16- Friday, January 19*	Monday, January 22- Friday, January 26^	Monday, January 22- Friday, January 26%
Grades 3, 4 & 5 Mathematics	Monday, March 5- Friday, March 9*	Monday, March 12- Friday, March 16^	Monday, March 19- Friday, March 23%
Grades 6, 7 & 8 Mathematics	Monday, March 12- Friday, March 16*	Monday, March 19- Friday, March 23^	Monday, March 19- Friday, March 23%
Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science	Wednesday, April 11- Friday, May 11	Thursday, April 12- Friday, May 11	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 15- Part 1 Thursday, November 16- Part 2	Friday, November 17, Monday, November 20, and Tuesday, November 21	
Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science Performance Test	Wednesday, April 11- Friday, May 11	Thursday, April 12- Friday, May 11	
Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science Written Test	Monday, April 30- Friday, May 11	Tuesday, May 1- Friday, May 11	
Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Social Studies	Tuesday, June 5- Booklet 1 Wednesday, June 6- Booklet 2	Thursday, June 7, Friday, June 8, and Monday, June 11	
Alternate Assessment for Students with Severe Disabilities	Tuesday, October 3- Friday, February 9 [□]	N/A	N/A
New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT)	Monday, May 7- Friday, May 18	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 23- Friday, May 18	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 12, and Tuesday, March 13, while administering the Grade 8 Mathematics Tests on Thursday, March 15, and Friday, March 16.

□ 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.