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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each spring, students take the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics tests in grades 3-8 and the Science tests in grades 5 and 8. These tests are used to measure how well students perform on New York's Next Generation Learning Standards.

Over the past few years, schools across New York City have begun to administer these state tests on a computer. In 2024, students in Grades 5 and 8 took the ELA, math, and science exams on computer and we are excited for our students to have that opportunity this year. Our school's Grade 6 and 8 students will take the New York State ELA, Math, and Science (8th only) exams on a computer.

Please note the following:

Practice: Before the test is given, your child will have a chance to practice taking the test on a computer while in school. This will help your child become familiar with the online testing format. Students, educators, and parents can review and practice using the online Question Sampler at home. (<https://ny.nextera.questarai.com/tds/#practice>)

Testing schedule:

NYS ELA test will be given on April 29th & 30th

NYS Math test will be given on May 7th & 8th

NYS 8th Grade Science Exam will be given on May 14th

Your child will have as much time as your child needs, within the limit of the school day, to complete the test.

Accommodations: All students who receive testing accommodations for New York State tests will receive accommodations for the ELA, Math and Science tests consistent with their 504 Plan or Individualized Education Program (IEP).

If you would like to learn more about the New York State 3-8 tests and the move to computer-based testing, see this New York State Education Department web site (<https://www.nysed.gov/state-assessment/parent-resources>). <http://bit.ly/NYSEDCBT> If you have questions on the computer-based tests, or about your child's participation, please contact Joseph Fava our Testing Coordinator. You can leave a message with office or email Mr. Fava directly at JFava@schools.nyc.gov

Regards,

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