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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 2007-08 School Year\*

<b>2007–2008 School Year</b>			
<b>Examination</b>	<b>Administration Dates</b>	<b>Make-up Dates</b>	<b>Field Tests</b>
Grades 3, 4 & 5 English Language Arts	Monday, January 7- Friday, January 11±	Monday, January 14- Friday, January 18^	Tuesday, January 22- Friday, January 25 %
Grades 6, 7 & 8 English Language Arts	Monday, January 14- Friday, January 18±	Tuesday, January 22- Friday, January 25^	Monday, January 28- Thursday, January 31 %
Grades 3, 4 & 5 Mathematics	Monday, March 3- Friday, March 7±	Monday, March 10- Friday, March 14^	Thursday, March 13- Wednesday, March 19 %
Grades 6, 7 & 8 Mathematics	Thursday, March 6- Wednesday, March 12±	Thursday, March 13- Wednesday, March 19^	Thursday, March 13- Wednesday, March 19 %
Grade 4 Elementary- Level Science Written Test And Performance Test	Wednesday, April 2 - Wednesday, May 7	Thursday, April 3 - Friday, May 9	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 14- Part 1 Thursday, November 15- Part 2	Friday, November 16, Monday, November 19, and Tuesday, November 20	
Grade 8 Intermediate- Level Science Performance Test	Wednesday, April 2- Wednesday, May 7	Thursday, April 3 - Friday, May 9	

Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science Written Test	Wednesday, April 30-Friday, May 9	Thursday, May 1 - Friday, May 9	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 3-Booklet 1 Wednesday, June 4-Booklet 2	Thursday, June 5, Friday, June 6, Monday, June 9, Tuesday, June 10, and Wednesday, June 11	
Alternate Assessment for Students with Severe Disabilities □	Monday, October 1, 2007 – Friday, February 8, 2008	Tuesday, October 2, 2007– Friday, February 8, 2008	N/A
New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT)	Monday, May 5-Friday, May 16	Tuesday, May 6-Friday, May 16	Thursday, March 27-Friday, April 4
NYSESLAT (Speaking)	Monday, April 14-Friday, May 16	Tuesday, April 15-Friday, May 16	
Intermediate-Level Technology Education	Optional, dates to be determined by school.	Optional, dates to be determined by school.	N/A

\* 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.

± 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 3, and Tuesday, March 4, while administering the Grade 5 Mathematics Test on Thursday, March 6, and Friday, March 7.

□ 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. 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.