

NEW YORK STATE ANNUAL GRADES 3-8 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS & MATHEMATICS TESTS & GRADES 5 & 8 SCIENCE TESTS

The Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests and Grades 5 & 8 Science Tests are administered in the spring to students across New York State. These annual tests for students in grades 3-8 are required by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. Public and charter school students enrolled in Grades 3–8 are expected to take the ELA, math, and science tests administered for their grade level. The tests are designed to measure how well students are mastering the learning standards that guide classroom instruction and are a valuable tool used to help ensure students have the support needed to succeed. The tests can also help identify any learning needs a student may have. The annual tests are one measure used to assess student learning and is one tool of many used by educators to ensure students are getting the services and supports they need to prepare for career, college, and civic readiness.

1. What is the length of the 2024 tests?

- The 2024 Grades 3–8 ELA and Math Tests consist of two sessions each that are administered over two days.
- The 2024 Grades 5 & 8 Science Tests consist of a single session that is administered in one day.

2. What is computer-based testing (CBT)?

- Students testing on computer will select their answers for the multiple-choice questions on the computer instead of on an answer sheet and will type their responses to the open-ended questions on the computer instead of handwriting them in paper test booklets.
- CBT has been successfully implemented in many states. New York State builds on its [statewide transition to CBT](#) for the Grades 3–8 ELA, Math and Science Tests in 2024. In Spring 2024, all students in grades 5 and 8 will take the ELA, math,

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