

March 31, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to provide you with details regarding New York State tests in ELA and Math for students in grades 3-8 this spring.

Earlier this year, the New York State Board of Regents petitioned the Federal Department of Education for a waiver to cancel the Grades 3-8 Math and English Language Arts exams, as well as the Grades 4 and 8 Science exams. The Federal Department of Education informed New York State that they will not grant blanket waivers for mandated testing, and New York State has since offered guidance on testing mandates for public schools in New York State.

Students in grades 3-6 will be required to take the state assessment tests in ELA and Math, however, there will be some changes this year. Only the first session of the Grades 3-8 Math and ELA exams will be administered instead of two sessions. Only the written portion of the Grades 4 Science exams will be administered while the performance test will not be given.

Please be aware that the New York State Education Department has stated that it will not be possible to administer any state assessments remotely this year. All exams will be administered in-person. Students who have opted to learn in a fully remote environment will not be expected to participate, though they will have the option of attending in-person to complete the assessments.

Hoosic Valley Elementary School students that are presently enrolled in-person, will be expected to participate in the ELA and Math tests. The only exception will be if a parent chooses to opt their child out of participation.

Students enrolled in remote learning may participate in NYS tests. Parents of remote students in grades 3-6 who are interested in having their child participate should contact the Elementary School main office at (518) 753-4458 ext. 3506, and we will make arrangements for them to test in school.

The testing schedule follows on the next page.

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English Language Arts

Grade 3	Tuesday April 20, 2021	8:55 am
Grade 4	Tuesday April 20, 2021	8:55 am
Grade 5	Wednesday April 21, 2021	8:55 am
Grade 6	Wednesday April 21, 2021	10:20 am

Mathematics

Grade 3	Tuesday May 4, 2021	8:55 am
Grade 4	Tuesday May 4, 2021	8:55 am
Grade 5	Wednesday May 5, 2021	8:55 am
Grade 6	Wednesday May 5, 2021	10:20 am