

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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 3-8 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 8 Science exams will be administered while the performance test will not be given.

On April 21st and April 22nd we will be conducting our State Assessments in English Language Arts for grades 7 and 8. April 21st is a "Blue Day", so students who are in the Blue Group or attend school daily will take the ELA assessment that morning during the first three periods of the school day. April 22nd is a "White Day." White Group students will take the ELA assessment that morning during the first three periods of the school day. Everyday students that took the ELA assessment on April 21st will be in an alternate location for the first three periods on April 22nd. After the first three periods of each day, 7th and 8th grade students will resume their regular school day.

On May 5th and May 6th, we will be conducting our State Assessments in Math for grades 7 and 8. We will follow the same testing pattern as the ELA assessments. Wednesday, May 5th Blue group and our everyday students will take the Math assessment. Thursday, May 6th, White Group Students will take the Math assessment.

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 Junior High 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 7 and 8 who are interested in having their child participate should contact the High

School main office at (518) 753-4458 ext. 2506, and we will make arrangements for them to test in school.

Sincerely,  
Eric Papandrea

Assessment	Date	Group
ELA (Grades 7 & 8)	April 21, 2021	Blue Group/Everyday
ELA (Grades 7 & 8)	April 22, 2021	White Group
Math (Grades 7 & 8)	May 5, 2021	Blue Group/Everyday
Math (Grades 7 & 8)	May 6, 2021	White Group