NYSED TESTING GRADES 3-8 ELA

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THE PURPOSE OF THE TEST

The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (2018) requires that states annually administer tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in grades 3–8.

The Grades 3–8 ELA and Mathematics NYS Testing Program has been designed to measure student knowledge and skills as defined by the gradelevel New York Next Generation Learning Standards (NGLS) in ELA and Mathematics. The tests are designed to report student proficiency in one of four performance levels.

Positive Outcomes:

Data from state tests allows for schools to make instructional decisions at multiple levels. When all students participate in the state tests, the district can evaluate the effectiveness of programs and materials provided to students across multiple levels.

	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH
Passages	4	4	4	4	4	4
Multiple Choice Questions	23	23	26	26	26	26
2 Point Constructed Response	2	2	2	2	2	2
4 Point Constructed Response	0	0	0	0	0	0

2023 NYS ELA DAY 1 - READING

2024 IS EXPECTED TO BE THE SAME.

SCHEDULE: GRADES 3-6 APRIL 8-9, 2024 &/OR APRIL 11-12, 2024

GRADES 7 & 8 APRIL 17-18, 2024

THIS IS NOT A TIMED TEST.

Changes: Starting in Spring 2023, NYS has decreased the number of questions students answer in each grade level. Grade 3 no longer has an extended response. All grade levels have only a total of 5 short response (written) questions.

	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH
Passages	2	3	3	3	4	4
Multiple Choice Questions	6	6	7	7	14	14
2 Point Constructed Response	3	3	3	3	3	3
4 Point Constructed Response	0	1	1	1	1	1

2023 NYS ELA Day 2 - Writing

2024 IS EXPECTED TO BE THE SAME.

SCHEDULE: APRIL 8-9, 2024 GRADES 3 & 4 APRIL 11-12, 2024 GRADES 5 & 6 APRIL 17-18, 2024 GRADES 7 & 8

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THE TEST BLUEPRINT:

THE QUESTIONS ARE DIVIDED BY FOCUS IN THE READING STANDARDS TO GUIDE INSTRUCTION.

2024 IS EXPECTED TO BE THE SAME.

SCHEDULE: GRADES 3-6 APRIL 8-9, 2024 &/OR APRIL 10-11, 2024

GRADES 7 & 8 APRIL 17-18, 2024

	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7 TH	8TH
Key Ideas & Details	Up to 65%			Up to 60 %		
Craft & Structure	Up to 35%			Up to 40%		
Integration of Knowledge & Ideas	Up to 30%			Up to 40%		

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THANK YOU... QUESTIONS?

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HELPFUL LINKS:

THE NEW YORK STATE QUESTION SAMPLER (HTTP://WWW.NYSED.GOV/STATE-ASSESSMENT/QUESTION-SAMPLER)

THIS LINK PROVIDES ACCESS TO SAMPLE CBT TESTING!

NEW YORK STATE NEXT GENERATION ELA LEARNING STANDARDS

TPS://WWW.NYSED.GOV/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/PROGRAMS/CURRICULUM-INSTRUCTION/NYS-NEXT-GENERATION-ELA-

STANDARDS.PDF