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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As a follow up to our community presentation on Monday, March 18th, we would like to share the following information regarding the 2019 NYS 3-8 ELA and Math assessments. The attached testing frameworks demonstrate the decrease in both the number of testing sessions as well as the number of test questions required of current students compared to the previous exams.

We hope you find this comparison helpful to see the significant reductions in the test format currently being implemented. Our goal this year is to increase student participation in the NYS exams in order to meet the 95% participation rate requirement, which is set forth by the U.S. Department of Education and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

We appreciate your continued support in helping our endeavors to continuously improve and meet our academic goals. Should you have any questions regarding the NYS 3-8 ELA or Math assessments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or any member of administration. Your child and their teachers have been working very hard to prepare our students to strive, support, and succeed.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Timothy Gonzales in black ink.

Timothy Gonzales
Superintendent

Handwritten signature of Kimberlea Curran in black ink.

Kimberlea Curran
Secondary Principal

Handwritten signature of Jessie Westfall in black ink.

Jessie Westfall
Elementary Principal

"Strive, Support, Succeed!"

New York State ELA & Math Testing Framework Comparison

English Language Arts

Grade 3-4 English and Language Arts Test Design										
	Session 1 - Reading - 2015	Session 1 - Reading - 2019	Session 2 - Reading - 2015	Session 2 - Reading - 2019	Session 2 - Writing - 2015	Session 2 - Writing - 2019	Session 3 - 2015	Session 3 - 2019	Total # of Ques. - 2015	Total # of Ques. - 2019
Passages	5	4	1	Session 2 Removed for 2019	2	3	3	Session 3 Removed for 2019	11	7
Multiple Choice Questions	30	24	7			0			37	24
Short-Response Questions		0			3	6	5		8	6
Extended- Response Questions		0			1	1	1		2	1
Total # of Literary Passages									4-7	3-4
Total # of Informational Passages									4-7	3-4

Grade 5-6 English and Language Arts Test Design										
	Session 1 - Reading - 2015	Session 1 - Reading - 2019	Session 2 - Reading - 2015	Session 2 - Reading - 2019	Session 2 - Writing - 2015	Session 2 - Writing - 2019	Session 3 - 2015	Session 3 - 2019	Total # of Ques. 2015	Total # of Ques. - 2019
Passages	6	5	1	Session 2 Removed for 2019	2	3	3	Session 3 Removed for 2019	12	8
Multiple Choice Questions	42	35	7			0			49	35
Short-Response Questions		0			3	6	5		8	6
Extended- Response Questions		0			1	1	1		2	1
Total # of Literary Passages									(5th) 4-8 (6th) 4-7	3-5
Total # of Informational Passages									(5th) 4-8 (6th) 7-8	3-5

Grade 7-8 English and Language Arts Test Design

	Session 1 - Reading - 2015	Session 1 - Reading - 2019	Session 2 - Reading - 2015	Session 2 - Reading - 2019	Session 2 - Writing - 2015	Session 2 - Writing - 2019	Session 3 - 2015	Session 3 - 2019	Total # of Ques. - 2015	Total # of Ques. - 2019
Passages	6	5	1	Session 2 Removed for 2019	2	3	3	Session 3 Removed for 2019	12	8
Multiple Choice Questions	42	35	7			0			49	35
Short-Response Questions		0			3	7	5		8	7
Extended- Response Questions		0			1	1	1		2	1
	Total # of Literary Passages								(7th) 3-7 (8th) 3-8	3-5
	Total # of Informational Passages								(7th) 7-9 (8th) 4-10	3-5

MATH

Grade 3 Math Test Design								
Session	# of Multiple Choice Questions - 2015	# of Multiple Choice Questions - 2019	# of Short Answer Questions - 2015	# of Short Answer Questions - 2019	# of Extended-Response Questions - 2015	# of Extended-Response Questions - 2019	Total # of Questions - 2015	Total # of Questions - 2019
1	24	25	0	0	0	0	24	25
2	24	8	0	6	0	1	24	15
3	0		5		3		8	
Total	48	33	5	6	3	1	56	40

Grade 4 Math Test Design								
Session	# of Multiple Choice Questions - 2015	# of Multiple Choice Questions - 2019	# of Short Answer Questions - 2015	# of Short Answer Questions - 2019	# of Extended-Response Questions - 2015	# of Extended-Response Questions - 2019	Total # of Questions - 2015	Total # of Questions - 2019
1	24	30	0	0	0	0	24	30
2	25	8	0	6	0	1	25	15
3	0		6		4		10	
Total	49	38	6	6	4	1	59	45

Grade 5 Math Test Design								
Session	# of Multiple Choice Questions - 2015	# of Multiple Choice Questions - 2019	# of Short Answer Questions - 2015	# of Short Answer Questions - 2019	# of Extended-Response Questions - 2015	# of Extended-Response Questions - 2019	Total # of Questions - 2015	Total # of Questions - 2019
1	24	30	0	0	0	0	24	30
2	25	8	0	6	0	1	25	15
3	0		6		4		10	
Total	49	38	6	6	4	1	59	45

Grade 6 Math Test Design								
Session	# of Multiple Choice Questions - 2015	# of Multiple Choice Questions - 2019	# of Short Answer Questions - 2015	# of Short Answer Questions - 2019	# of Extended-Response Questions - 2015	# of Extended-Response Questions - 2019	Total # of Questions - 2015	Total # of Questions - 2019
1	28	31	0	0	0	0	28	31
2	27	7	0	7	0	1	27	15
3	0		6		4		10	
Total	55	38	6	7	4	1	65	46

Grade 7 Math Test Design								
Session	# of Multiple Choice Questions - 2015	# of Multiple Choice Questions - 2019	# of Short Answer Questions - 2015	# of Short Answer Questions - 2019	# of Extended-Response Questions - 2015	# of Extended-Response Questions - 2019	Total # of Questions - 2015	Total # of Questions - 2019
1	28	33	0	0	0	0	28	33
2	27	7	0	7	0	1	27	15
3	0		6		4		10	
Total	55	40	6	7	4	1	65	48

Grade 8 Math Test Design								
Session	# of Multiple Choice Questions - 2015	# of Multiple Choice Questions - 2019	# of Short Answer Questions - 2015	# of Short Answer Questions - 2019	# of Extended-Response Questions - 2015	# of Extended-Response Questions - 2019	Total # of Questions - 2015	Total # of Questions - 2019
1	28	33	0	0	0	0	28	33
2	27	7	0	7	0	1	27	15
3	0		6		4		10	
Total	55	40	6	7	4	1	65	48

Test Guides for English Language Arts and Mathematics - 2019:

<https://www.engageny.org/resource/test-guides-english-language-arts-and-mathematics/file/152506>

Test Guides for English Language Arts and Mathematics - Archive 2015:

<https://www.engageny.org/resource/test-guides-english-language-arts-and-mathematics-archive-2015>