

# Syosset Central School District

Dr. Thomas L. Rogers  
Superintendent of Schools

March 1, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 6-8 Students,

The US Department of Education has confirmed that students in Grades 6-8 who attend school in-person will participate in the 2024 New York State Grade 6-8 Assessments. The state assessment results will be solely used as a measure of student learning and not for student placement. Each assessment is to be administered in two sessions and is structured in a multiple-choice, short response, and long response format. **This year, our 8th grade students will take part in Computer-Based Testing (CBT)** while our 6th and 7th grade students will continue with traditional testing on paper.

Syosset Central School District has created the following schedule, within the NYSED testing windows, for administering each assessment:

Grade	New York State English Language Arts Assessment	New York State Mathematics Assessment	New York State Science Assessment
6	April 11 & April 12, 2024	May 7 & May 8, 2024	Not administered
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8	April 17 & April 18, 2024	May 14 & May 15, 2024 *only for students in Math 8	May 3 or May 9, 2024 *only for students in Science 8

Students may take as much time as needed to complete the individual assessment as each assessment is untimed. Below are some suggestions to help your child put forth their best effort, and we invite you to reinforce these suggestions at home:

- Students should not worry about receiving a “grade” on these assessments. They should be reminded to relax and to simply do their best.
- Students focus best when they are well rested and nourished. A good night’s sleep and a nutritious breakfast are always important.
- All students must bring a pen and a sharpened pencil to the test. 8th Grade students should have their Chromebooks fully charged the night before the test.
- If a student is absent from in-person school on the date of the assessment, they will be able to take the make-up assessment upon return to school and within the NYSED testing window time-frame.

If you have decided to not have your child participate in any, or all, of the New York State 6-8 Assessments, please email your intent by **March 27, 2024** directly to your child’s school, at the following email address:

HB Thompson: [hbtmainoffice@syossetschools.org](mailto:hbtmainoffice@syossetschools.org)

South Woods: [swmainoffice@syossetschools.org](mailto:swmainoffice@syossetschools.org)

This advance notice will assist us in making appropriate arrangements to accommodate your request. Students not participating in an assessment will be allowed to participate in quiet, independent activities such as reading, writing, drawing, etc., while the assessment is being administered in locations throughout the building. Should you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school main office.

Sincerely,

The Syosset Central School District Middle School Principals