

Syosset Central School District

Dr. Thomas L. Rogers
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 5 Students:

This year, Grade 5 students will be participating in computer-based New York State Assessments in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. The state assessment results will be used solely as a measure of student learning and not for student placement. The assessments for English Language Arts and Mathematics will be administered in two sessions, and include questions in multiple choice and constructed response formats. The assessment for Science will be administered in one session and also includes questions in both multiple choice and constructed response formats.

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

Grades	New York State English Language Arts Assessment	New York State Mathematics Assessment	New York State Science Assessment
5	April 15 & April 16, 2024	May 13 & May 14	May 3 or May 9

Students may take as much time as needed to complete the individual assessment. Below are some suggestions to help your child put forth their best effort. 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 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.
- If a student is absent from 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 that your child will not participate in any or all of the New York State Assessments, **please inform the main office of your child’s school in writing by Wednesday, March 27, 2024.** We cannot accept these notices via e-mail. This advanced notice will allow us to make appropriate arrangements in order to honor your request. Students not participating in an assessment will be given quiet, independent reading while the assessment is being administered to students throughout the building. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact your school’s main office.

Sincerely,

Syosset School District Elementary Principals