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**TO:** District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools  
Principals of Public, Nonpublic, and Charter Schools

**FROM:** David Abrams

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**SUBJECT:** Elementary- and Intermediate-Level Testing Schedule for the 2010–11 School Year

Due to the fiscal crisis, the Board of Regents has had to take steps to achieve cost reductions in the State Assessment Program. One such step has been the elimination of 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies tests previously scheduled for November 2010 and June 2011, respectively. The attached schedule reflects the elimination of these tests. Additionally, the last dates for scoring the Grades 3–8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests and for submitting the answer sheets to the scanning centers have been revised.

Please direct any questions to the Office of State Assessment at [emscassessinfo@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:emscassessinfo@mail.nysed.gov). We appreciate the efforts of all teachers and school officials and look forward to further collaboration as the new testing schedule is implemented during the 2010–11 school year.

Thank you for all the hard work that you do and for your continued cooperation.



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**2010–11 School Year**

Test	Administration Dates	Make-up Dates*	Scoring Dates	Final Dates to Submit Answer Sheets to Scanning Centers
<b>NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)</b>	Monday, October 4 – Friday, February 11	Not Applicable	Monday, March 14 – Thursday, May 5	Thursday, May 5
<b>NYSESLAT: Speaking</b>	Wednesday, April 13 – Tuesday, May 24	Not Applicable	Speaking is scored as it is administered.	Thursday, June 2
<b>Grades 3–8 English Language Arts</b>	Wednesday, May 4 – Friday, May 6 †	Thursday, May 5 – Wednesday, May 11 ‡	Monday, May 9 – Thursday, May 19 ^	Thursday, May 19 ^
<b>Grades 3–8 Mathematics</b>	Wednesday, May 11 † – Friday, May 13 †	Thursday, May 12 – Wednesday, May 18	Monday, May 16 – Thursday, May 26 ^	Thursday, May 26 ^
<b>NYSESLAT: Listening, Reading, Writing</b>	Monday, May 16 – Tuesday, May 24	Not Applicable	Wednesday, May 25 – Thursday, June 2	Thursday, June 2
<b>Grade 4 Science Performance Test</b>	Tuesday, May 31 – Friday, June 3	Not Applicable	Scoring may start immediately following administration	Thursday, June 16
<b>Grade 8 Science Performance Test</b>	Tuesday, May 31 – Friday, June 3	Not Applicable	Scoring may start immediately following administration	Thursday, June 16
<b>Grade 4 Science Written</b>	Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7 – Wednesday, June 8	Following administration, but no later than Thursday, June 16	Thursday, June 16
<b>Grade 8 Science Written</b>	Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7 – Wednesday, June 8	Following administration, but no later than Thursday, June 16	Thursday, June 16

Note: A concerted effort has been made to avoid scheduling the administration of State examinations on days of religious observation. Because each of these tests has scheduled make-up dates, no student should miss the opportunity to participate in these tests should the initial test administration in any school take place on a day of religious observance.

- ^ The last dates for scoring the Grades 3–8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests and for submitting the answer sheets to the scanning centers have been revised by one day each to ensure the timely provision of individual student reports for those examinations.
- \* Make-up testing may start on the second day of the scheduled administration dates. The make-up dates are to be used for administering make-up tests to students who were absent during the designated administration dates. The make-up dates can also be used to complete the initial administrations in schools that were closed due to religious observance or unexpected events such as flu-related closings. Make-up testing may begin on any days that remain following the school's completion of initial testing and must be completed no later than the last day of the make-up period.
- † Schools must arrange to begin the administration of the English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests to students in every grade during the specified "Administration of Tests" dates. Within each grade, schools are to administer the test on the same day to all students except for those students who are absent. Schools may schedule the tests for different grades on different sets of days within the specified administration dates; for example, the school may administer the Grade 3 English Language Arts Test on Wednesday, May 4, and Thursday, May 5, while administering the Grade 5 English Language Arts Test on Friday, May 6, and Monday, May 9. Schools are also permitted to conclude the primary administration of a test during the "Makeup Testing" dates as long as at least one session for each grade is administered during the "Administration of Tests" dates. However, school personnel may not engage in scorer training or scoring of student responses for any given grade until the initial administration of all test sessions has been completed for that grade.
- ‡ Wednesday, May 11, 2011, is the first day of administration for the Grades 3–8 Mathematics Tests and also the last day to administer make-ups for the Grades 3–8 English Language Arts Tests.

