

# Changes to NYS Grades 3-8 Assessments

The New York State Department of Education has made some **significant** changes to the NYS 3-8 Assessments due to feedback received from schools, parents and other key stakeholders.



Below you will find a summary of the changes from the 2017 administration to the 2018 administration for both ELA and Math assessments. The data from these assessments is used instructionally by classroom teachers.

After review, if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact the West Irondequoit CSD Offices of Instruction at 336-2981.

<p align="center"><b>Grades 3-6 NYS ELA Assessments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only 2 days of testing instead of 3</li> <li>• Reduction of 3 reading passages</li> <li>• Reduction of 7 multiple choice questions</li> <li>• Reduction of 1 short constructed response question</li> <li>• Reduction of 1 extended response question</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Grade 3 NYS Math Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only 2 days of testing instead of 3</li> <li>• Reduction of 11 multiple choice questions</li> <li>• Addition of 1 short constructed response</li> <li>• Reduction of 2 extended response questions</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Grades 7, 8 NYS ELA Assessments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only 2 days of testing instead of 3</li> <li>• Reduction of 3 reading passages</li> <li>• Reduction of 7 multiple choice questions</li> <li>• Reduction of 1 extended response question</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Grades 4, 5 NYS Math Assessments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only 2 days of testing instead of 3</li> <li>• Reduction of 7 multiple choice questions</li> <li>• Reduction of 3 extended responses questions</li> </ul>
<p>In addition to the immediate changes to the assessments, NYS has worked collaboratively with parents, teachers and experts in the field to revise ELA and mathematics standards for grades K-12.</p> <p>The implementation of these standards will be phased in over the next few years. These revised standards are available on the following website:  <a href="http://www.nysed.gov/next-generation-learning-standards">http://www.nysed.gov/next-generation-learning-standards</a>.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Grade 6 NYS Math Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only 2 days of testing instead of 3</li> <li>• Reduction of 13 multiple choice questions</li> <li>• Addition of 1 short constructed response question</li> <li>• Reduction of 3 extended response questions</li> </ul>
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To review the current test design for both math and ELA assessments, visit the following website:  
<https://www.engageny.org/resource/test-guides-english-language-arts-and-mathematics>.

In the West Irondequoit CSD, the NYS assessments will be held on:

**April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> (ELA)**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> (Mathematics)**