

CATSKILL MIDDLE SCHOOL


Where Cats Can and Cats Will!

State Assessment Information

March 19th, 2019



WHAT ARE THE NYS ASSESSMENTS?

- Students in grades sixth through eighth grade will take the NYS ELA and Mathematics Assessment.
 - Eighth grade students will take the NYS Science Assessment.
 - *Students in Algebra 1 will take Algebra Regents in June instead of the Math assessment*
 - *Students in Living Environment will take the Living Environment Regents in June instead of the Science assessment.*
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STATE TEST INFORMATION: DATES



- **ELA**
 - Tuesday April 2nd & Wednesday, April 3rd
- **Math**
 - Wednesday, May 1st & Thursday, May 2nd
- **Science Grade 8**
 - Performance Test
 - Beginning Wednesday, May 22
 - Written Test
 - Monday, June 3rd

Spring Recess April 19th-April 26th

TEST INFORMATION



- The 2019 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Tests are untimed and are each given over the course of two days.
- This means that as long as students are working productively, they will have as much time as they need to complete each test session, within the confines of the regular school day.
- If students are still working, but most of their class has completed the test, they may be moved to another room to finish.

TEST QUESTIONS REVIEWED AND WRITTEN BY NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS



- Teachers from across the State serve on committees to write, evaluate and select questions for the tests. Our own Ms. Chirkis and Ms. Cozzaglio worked on the 6th grade Math assessment.
- In all, hundreds of New York State educators were involved in creating and reviewing questions for the 2019 assessments and selecting the questions for the test forms.

PROVIDING RESULTS FOR TEACHERS AND IMPROVED RESOURCES FOR PARENTS



- Like last year, the New York State Education Department plans to have instructional reports returned to teachers by the end of the school year and to release at least 75% of the test questions again.
- Score Reports for parents feature information about what students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

COMMON CONCERNS WE HEAR



- **“My child should not be defined by a test.”**
 - At CMS we agree. That is why we use this assessment as a piece in the overall puzzle. This assessment allows us to gauge their understanding of the curriculum and how we are doing teaching it. We consider it a valuable resource.
- **My child has test anxiety?**
 - One of the best way for students to work through this is to get used to the test taking environment. They must take and pass Regents exams in HS to graduate.
- **I don't believe in Common Core**
 - All curriculum K-12 is aligned to the common core standards. This includes those that end in a Regents exams. Common Core just refers to the idea that every student in NYS is learning the same curriculum at every level.

Thank you!

**Please contact Ms. Overbaugh's
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questions or concerns.**

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