



**Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda  
Union Free School District**

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you may be aware, in February 2021 the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) informed states that it will not be granting a blanket waiver for state assessments. Without such a waiver, states will need to meet federal testing requirements. New York State has filed a formal waiver to request these assessments be waived but has not yet heard back from the USDOE. As a result, we are moving forward with scheduling and plans to administer the NYS 3-8 Assessments in ELA and Math, and Science grades 4 & 8 as we are required.

This year, New York State has reduced all assessments to one session of testing. Both ELA and Math assessments will only consist of multiple-choice questions, and no field test items will be included. The Science Assessment will consist of multiple choice and some short response questions. All assessments will be scheduled for 60 - 90 minutes, followed by a modified school schedule. Although there is no time limit for students to complete these assessments. Below is the schedule for each test administration.

GRADES	TEST	DATE
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	ELA	Monday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> (Cohort A) Thursday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Cohort B) <i>*Make-up Sessions will be April 20<sup>th</sup> (Cohort A) and April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Cohort B)</i>
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	MATH	Monday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Cohort A) Thursday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> (Cohort B) <i>*Make-up Sessions will be May 4<sup>th</sup> (Cohort A) and May 7<sup>th</sup> (Cohort B)</i>
4, 8	SCIENCE	Monday, June 7 <sup>th</sup> (Cohort A) Thursday, June 10 <sup>th</sup> (Cohort B) <i>*Make-up Sessions will be June 8<sup>th</sup> (Cohort A) and June 11<sup>th</sup> (Cohort B)</i>
*** This Assessment calendar is subject to change in the event that the instructional delivery model changes due to guidance from the NYSDOH, the CDC or the NYSED.		

**VLA students are invited to participate on any of the scheduled ELA Test or Make-up dates. To make arrangements, please contact your child's school principal no later than April 12, 2021**

While the administration of these assessments is required to comply with federal requirements, the results will not be used for evaluation of the district, school, teachers or your child. If you have any further questions about the assessments or how they will be used, please do not hesitate to reach out to your building principal. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Frank Spagnolo

*The Ken-Ton School Community will provide our students with the supports, tools, and diverse opportunities needed to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.*