


## Parent NYS 3-8 Assessments FAQ

The following set of frequently asked questions and answers have been developed to explain the design, administration, and results reporting for the New York State Grades 3-8 Assessments.

### 1. What are the New York State 3-8 Assessments?

These assessments were developed by the New York State Education Department to measure annual student progress in reading and math.

### 2. When will the 2024-2025 New York State 3-8 Assessments take place?

Assessment	Grade 3 & 4	Grade 5, 6, 7 & 8
English Language Arts	April 29 - May 2	April 8-11, 23, 24
Mathematics 	May 13 - 16	April 30 - May 6
Science	No Science Assessment	May 13 - 15 (Only Gr. 5 & 8)

### 3. What should parents know about the New York State 3-8 Assessments?

- Assessments are two days.
- The exams have a **suggested time** allotment, which varies according to grade and exam. **However, students can take as much time to complete the written exams as they need.** Testing is “untimed.”
- New York State teachers have developed all the questions.
- New York State will release 75% of the test questions. Previous release questions can be found using the link:  
<http://www.nysed.gov/state-assessment/past-grades-3-8-tests>
- Assessment results **are not linked** to a teacher or principal evaluations.
- Parent score reports have been revised to be more user-friendly and valuable for families.
- Families are encouraged to have their children participate and do their best. **Attendance during these exams does impact building and district accountability status.** The accountability status is noted on the District’s School Report Card and the building’s School Report Card.
- Parents can view School and District Reports Cards using the link:  
<https://data.nysed.gov/>

#### **4. If my child does not perform well on the test, will it impact his report card grade?**

No, New York State Department of Education requires all school districts to provide academic intervention services to students who score below the State designated performance level or are at risk of not achieving the State learning standards. New York State Assessments are not recorded on student report cards. The information lets parents see how their child is progressing in mastering grade-level students. If a child is performing below grade level, s/he may be eligible to receive Academic Intervention Support services, as adopted by the Board of Education. The plan outlines the support the district will supply to students. The plan can be found using the link below.

[https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/ktufsd/Board.nsf/files/CXDKXC538915/\\$file/KTUFSD%20AIS%20Plan%20for%2023-25.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/ktufsd/Board.nsf/files/CXDKXC538915/$file/KTUFSD%20AIS%20Plan%20for%2023-25.pdf)

#### **5. When will parents receive the test results?**

It is anticipated that parents will receive their child's New York State Assessment reports in early September. These reports will be posted on the parent portal for parents to review. They are located under the assessment tab.

#### **6. How does the school use the information from these assessments?**

The NYS 3-8 Assessments are among the multiple measures of student performance that help inform instruction. Information from these assessments is used to guide instructional decisions and provide intervention services to students who qualify based on strengths and weaknesses in targeted academic areas. For more information, you can go to the Parent Resources on the New York State Education Department's website by using this link. <http://www.nysed.gov/state-assessment/parent-resources>

#### **7. What do the regulations say about a parent's right to "opt out" of New York State assessments?**

School district officials are bound by an oath of office to comply with all NYS regulations, including testing requirements. Neither the law nor the State commissioner's regulations provide any legal right or method for students to "opt out" of the mandated assessments. New York State does not have a statutory *opt-out* provision. The State commissioner's regulations do not permit opting out except under specific exceptions, such as those involving students with disabilities.

#### **8. What is the process for parents who choose not to have their child take the State exams?**

If you are concerned about your child's participation in the assessments, follow these instructions.

- On Wednesday, March 26, a notification will appear in your Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account;
- If you refuse to allow your child to participate in any of the required assessment(s), please complete the NYS Assessment Refusal Form, located in the Parent Portal, no later than Friday, April 4, 2025. After this date, the school will not accept any more refusals and all students will be scheduled to participate.
- To ensure the security and authenticity of all requests, the district will not accept emails or hand written requests for a refusal of a state assessment. Please log into your parent portal, by April 4, 2025.