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To: District Superintendents

Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools, Principals of Public, Charter, and Nonpublic Schools

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SUBJECT: 2010–11 Elementary- and Intermediate-level Testing Schedule

2010-11 School Year

Test	Administration Dates	* Make-up Dates	Scoring Dates	Final Dates to Submit Answer Sheets to Scanning Centers
NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)	Monday, October 4 – Friday, February 11	Not Applicable	Monday, March 14 – Thursday, May 5	Thursday, May 5
Grade 5 Social Studies	Monday, November 15 – Tuesday, November 16	Tuesday, November 16 – Thursday, Nov. 18	Scoring may start immediately following administration	Thursday, December 2
NYSESLAT: Speaking	Wednesday, April 13 – Tuesday, May 24	Not Applicable	Speaking is scored as it is administered.	Thursday, June 2
Grades 3–8 English Language Arts	Wednesday, May 4 – Friday, May 6 †	Thursday, May 5 – Wednesday, May 11 [‡]	Monday, May 9 – Friday, May 20	Friday, May 20
Grades 3–8 Mathematics	Wednesday, May 11 [‡] – Friday, May 13 †	Thursday, May 12 – Wednesday, May 18	Monday, May 16 – Friday, May 27	Friday, May 27
NYSESLAT: Listening, Reading, Writing	Monday, May 16 – Tuesday, May 24	Not Applicable	Wednesday, May 25 – Thursday, June 2	Thursday, June 2
Grade 4 Science Performance Test	Tuesday, May 31 – Friday, June 3	Not Applicable	Scoring may start immediately following administration	Thursday, June 16
Grade 8 Science Performance Test	Tuesday, May 31 – Friday, June 3	Not Applicable	Scoring may start immediately following administration	Thursday, June 16
Grade 4 Science Written	Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7 – Wednesday, June 8	Following administration, but no later than Thursday, June 16	Thursday, June 16
Grade 8 Science Written	Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7 – Wednesday, June 8	Following administration, but no later than Thursday, June 16	Thursday, June 16
Grade 8 Social Studies	Monday, June 13 – Tuesday, June 14	Tuesday, June 14 – Thursday, June 16	Following administration, but no later than Thursday, June 23	Thursday, June 23

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 out on the opportunity to participate in these tests should the initial test administration in any school take place on a day of religious observance.

- 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.