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## 2010-11 School Year

| Test | Administration Dates | Make-up Dates * | Scoring Dates | Final Dates to Submit Answer Sheets to Scanning Centers |
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| 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: <br> 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 $6 \dagger$ | Thursday, May 5 Wednesday, May $11^{\ddagger}$ | Monday, May 9 Friday, May 20 | Friday, May 20 |
| Grades 3-8 <br> Mathematics | Wednesday, May $11^{\ddagger}$ _ Friday, May $13 \dagger$ | 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 <br> Performance Test | Tuesday, May 31 Friday, June 3 | Not Applicable | Scoring may start immediately following administration | Thursday, June 16 |
| Grade 8 Science <br> 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.

