



2008-2009
CITYWIDE AND STATEWIDE
ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

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DATE	TEST	IMPACT	PURPOSE
September 2 - 29 <i>Within the first 10 days of entrance</i>	Language Assessment Battery Revised (LAB-R) or Spanish LAB	Grades K - 12 New entrants admitted between Sept. 2 and Sept. 29 whose home language is other than English	To identify students who are entitled to bilingual/English as a Second Language (ESL) programs
September 2 - October 31 <i>Individual school selected date(s)</i>	Early Childhood Language Assessment System-2 (ECLAS-2)	Grades 1 (Complete Kit) Grades 2 and 3 (Selected Activities)	Diagnostic assessment measuring student progress in literacy
September 2 - October 31	El Sistema de Observacion de la Lecto-escritura (EL SOL)	Grades K - 3 Students receiving instruction in Spanish bilingual/dual language programs	Diagnostic assessment measuring Spanish bilingual student progress in literacy
Oct. 6 - Feb. 13	New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)	Eligible special education students	To determine if students with severe cognitive disabilities have individually demonstrated their mastery of skills relative to New York State learning standards
October 15	PSAT	Grades 10, 11	Preliminary SAT (PSAT) for 10th and 11th graders and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQT) for 11th graders
October 25, 26	Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT)	Grade 8	To qualify applicants for admission to New York City Specialized High Schools
November 8	Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT)	All Grade 9 students, Grade 8 IEP and 504 Applicants	To qualify applicants for admission to New York City Specialized High Schools

November 12, 13	Elementary New York State Social Studies	Grade 5	To assess student progress toward State and City standards in social studies
November 23	Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT Make-ups)	Grade 8 and Grade 9 with special permission and documentation ONLY	To qualify applicants for admission to New York City Specialized High Schools
January 5 - February 13 <i>Individual school selected date</i>	Early Childhood Language Assessment System- 2 (ECLAS-2)	Grade K (Complete Kit)	Diagnostic assessment measuring student progress in literacy
January 13, 14	New York State English Language Arts (ELA)	Grades 3, 5	To assess student progress toward New York State standards in English language arts
January 13 - 15	New York State English Language Arts (ELA)	Grade 4	To assess student progress toward New York State standards in English language arts
January 21, 22	New York State English Language Arts (ELA)	Grades 7, 8	To assess student progress toward New York State standards in English language arts
January 21 - 23	New York State English Language Arts (ELA)	Grade 6	To assess student progress toward New York State standards in English language arts
January 27 - 30	New York State Regents	Grades 9 - 12 (eligible students)	To assess student performance in various subject areas as required by New York State for graduation
March 3, 4	New York State Mathematics	Grades 3, 5	To assess student progress toward New York State standards in mathematics
March 3 - 5	New York State Mathematics	Grade 4	To assess student progress toward New York State standards in mathematics

March 10, 11	New York State Mathematics	Grades 6, 7, 8	To assess student progress toward New York State standards in mathematics
April 8 - May 8 <i>Individual school selected date(s)</i>	New York State Science Performance Test	Grades 4, 8	To assess elementary and intermediate-level science programs and to assess student progress towards New York State standards in science
April 20 - May 15 <i>Individual school selected date</i>	New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) (Speaking portion)	Grades K-12	To measure student progress in developing English language proficiency
April 20 - May 29	Early Childhood Language Assessment System- 2 (ECLAS-2)	Grade 1 (Complete Kit)	Diagnostic assessment measuring student progress in literacy
April 20 - May 29	Early Childhood Language Assessment System- 2 (ECLAS-2)	Grades 2 - 3 (Selected Activities)	Diagnostic assessment measuring student progress in literacy
April 20 - May 29	El Sistema de Observacion de la Lecto-escritura (EL SOL)	Grades K-3 Students receiving instruction in Spanish bilingual/dual language programs	Diagnostic assessment measuring Spanish bilingual student progress in literacy
April 30	New York State Science Written section	Grade 4, 8	To assess elementary and intermediate-level science programs and to assess student progress towards New York State standards in science

May 4 - 15 <i>Individual school selected date</i>	New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) (Reading, Writing, Listening)	Grades K - 12	To measure student progress in developing English language proficiency
May 11 - May 29 <i>Individual school selected date</i>	E-PAL 2 Early Performance Assessment in Language Arts E-PAL 3	Grade 2 students who have mastered Level 5 or higher in the Reading activity of Early Childhood Language Assessment System-2 (ECLAS-2) Grade 3	Diagnostic assessment to measure student progress in listening/writing, reading/writing, and Writing Mechanics in response to literature
May 18	Global Studies Accelerated Exam	Eligible Grade 8 students	To assess student achievement in the high school curriculum for global studies
May 19	Art Accelerated Exam	Eligible Grade 8 students	To assess student achievements in the high school curriculum for art
May 20	Music Accelerated Exam	Eligible Grade 8 students	To assess student achievement in the high school curriculum for music
May 26	Chinese Reading	Grades 3 - 12 Students receiving instruction in bilingual and dual language Chinese	To assess student reading achievement in Chinese
May 27	Spanish Reading (ELE)	Grades 3 - 12 Students receiving instruction in bilingual and dual language Spanish	To assess student reading achievement in Spanish
June 2, 3	Intermediate New York State Social Studies	Grade 8	To assess Grade 8 student progress towards New York State standards in social studies

June 16 - 25	New York State Regents	Grades 9 - 12 and eligible Grade 8 students	To assess student performance in various subject areas as required by New York State for graduation
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The Department consulted with various groups from both the public and nonpublic sectors for the design of this testing calendar. A concerted effort has been made to avoid scheduling 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.

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