

# The 2022 Grades 3-8 New York State Assessments: What Parents Need to Know

The Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests are administered in the spring to students across New York State. These annual ELA and math tests for students in grades 3-8 are required by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. The tests are designed to measure how well students are mastering the learning standards that guide classroom instruction and help to ensure that students are on track to graduate from high school with the critical thinking, problem solving, and reasoning skills needed for success in college and the modern workplace. The tests also show how schools and districts are progressing with the learning standards and can support professional development for teachers. Below you will find information about the 2022 tests.

## Fewer Test Sessions

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The 2022 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Tests are two sessions each. This means that students will take each subject test over only two testing days instead of three as was the case prior to 2018.

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