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**TO:** District Superintendents  
 Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools  
 Principals of Public Schools  
 Principals of Nonpublic Schools

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**SUBJECT:** Dates of Elementary and Intermediate State Assessments for the 2002-2003 School Year

## FINAL 2002-2003 School Year

Test	Field Test Dates	Administration Dates	Makeup Dates
Grade 4 English Language Arts	Monday, Feb. 3*	Tuesday, Feb. 4– Friday, Feb. 7**	Monday, Feb. 10– Wednesday, Feb. 12
Grade 4 Mathematics	Monday, May 5	Tuesday, May 6– Thursday, May 8	Friday, May 9– Tuesday, May 13
Grade 8 English Language Arts	Monday, Jan. 13*	Tuesday, Jan. 14– Friday, Jan. 17**	Tuesday, Jan. 21– Wednesday, Jan. 22
Grade 8 Mathematics	Monday, May 5	Tuesday, May 6– Wednesday, May 7	Thursday, May 8– Friday, May 9
Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science	Administered in a Department-selected sample of statistically representative schools. Selected schools will be contacted directly by the Department.	Anytime in May	Anytime in May
Grade 5 Elementary-Level Social Studies		Wednesday, Nov. 13– Thursday, Nov. 14	Friday, Nov. 15– Tuesday, Nov. 19
Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science Performance Test		Any time in January***	Anytime in January***
Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science Written Test		Anytime between Thursday, June 5, And Friday, June 20	Anytime between Friday, June 6, and Friday, June 20
Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Social Studies		Anytime between Thursday, June 5, And Friday, June 20	Anytime between Friday, June 6, and Friday, June 20
Intermediate-Level Technology Education		Optional, dates to be Determined by school	Optional, dates to be determined by school

\* These field tests consist of multiple choice questions only. Additional field tests for ELA grades 4 and 8 constructed response items will be administered by a limited number of schools around the time of the operational tests.

\*\* Public school districts and nonpublic schools should select specific dates (three for Grade 4 and two for Grade 8) within the test administration windows specified above.

\*\*\* Schools that **do not** participate in block or semester programs will administer the performance test in January only. Schools that have semester schedules may administer this performance test in May only to those of their students who study science exclusively in the spring semester.

