

# **NYSAA Test Blueprints**

**New York State Alternate Assessment  
for Science and Social Studies  
(November 2015)**

## NYSAA Test Blueprint - Science Effective with 2013–14 Administration

Two Standards are assessed for each Grade as Marked by an X				
Standards	Key Idea	Grade 4	Grade 8	High School*
1 – Analysis, Inquiry, and Design (Scientific Inquiry)	2- Beyond the use of reasoning and consensus, scientific inquiry involves the testing of explanations involving the use of conventional techniques and procedures and usually requiring considerable ingenuity.	X		
	3- The observations made while testing proposed explanations, when analyzed using conventional and invented methods, provide new insights into phenomena..		X	
4- Living Environment	1- Living things are both similar to and different from each other and from nonliving things.			X
	3- Individual organisms and species change over time.	X		
4- Physical Setting/ Earth Science	2- Many of the phenomena that we observe on Earth involve interactions among components of air, water, and land.			X
	3- Matter is made up of particles whose properties determine the observable characteristics of matter and its reactivity.		X	

\*Note: See the Core Curricula for Science at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/cores.html#MST>.

**NYSAA Test Blueprint - Social Studies (HS only)**  
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Two Standards are assessed for each Grade as Marked by an X		
Standards	<i>Units</i>	High School
1- US History	2 - Constitutional Foundations	X
2- World History: Global History and Geography	8 - Global Connections and Interactions	X

See the Core Curricula for Social Studies at:  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/cores.html#SOCIALSTUDIES>