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TO: District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Elementary- and Intermediate-Level Testing Schedule for the 2009–10 School Year

2009–10 School Year

Test	Administration Dates	Make-up Dates*	Scoring Dates	Final Dates to Submit Answer Sheets to Scanning Centers
NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)	Monday, October 5 – Friday, February 12	Not Applicable	Monday, March 15 – Thursday, May 6	Thursday, May 6
Grade 5 Social Studies	Monday, November 16 – Tuesday, November 17	Tuesday, Nov. 17 – Thursday, Nov. 19	Scoring may start immediately following administration	Thursday, Dec. 3
NYSESLAT: Speaking	Wednesday, April 14 – Tuesday, May 25	Not Applicable	Speaking is scored as it is administered.	Thursday, June 3
Grades 3–8 English Language Arts	Monday, April 26 – Wednesday, April 28 [†]	Tuesday, April 27 – Wednesday, May 5 [‡]	Friday, April 30 – Thursday, May 13	Thursday, May 13
Grades 3–8 Mathematics[§]	Wednesday, May 5 [‡] – Friday, May 7 [†]	Thursday, May 6 – Friday, May 14	Tuesday, May 11 – Thursday, May 20	Thursday, May 20
NYSESLAT: Listening, Reading, Writing	Monday, May 17 – Tuesday, May 25	Tuesday, May 18 – Thursday, May 27 [^]	Wednesday, May 26 – Thursday, June 3	Thursday, June 3
Grade 4 Science Performance Test	Monday, May 24 – Thursday, June 3	Tuesday, May 25 – Thursday, June 3	Scoring may start immediately following administration	Thursday, June 17

Grade 8 Science Performance Test	Monday, May 24 – Thursday, June 3	Tuesday, May 25 – Thursday, June 3	Scoring may start immediately following administration	Thursday, June 17
Grade 4 Science Written	Monday, June 7	Tuesday, June 8 – Wednesday, June 9	Following administration, but no later than Thursday, June 17	Thursday, June 17
Grade 8 Science Written	Monday, June 7	Tuesday, June 8 – Wednesday, June 9	Following administration, but no later than Thursday, June 17	Thursday, June 17
Grade 8 Social Studies	Monday, June 14 – Tuesday, June 15	Tuesday, June 15 – Thursday, June 17	Following administration, but no later than Thursday, June 24	Thursday, June 24

[^] It has come to the Department's attention that some schools will be closed for some school days or will have lessened attendance during the week of May 17 – May 21 due to the observance of the Jewish holiday, Shavuot. In order to give those schools an opportunity to administer the Listening, Reading, and Writing subtests of the NYSESLAT to all of their English language learners, the Department is extending the make-up dates for administration to Thursday, May 27, 2010.

* 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 administer the English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests to students during the specified administration dates for the test. 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 Mathematics Test on Wednesday, May 5, and Thursday, May 6, while administering the Grade 5 Mathematics Test on Thursday, May 6, and Friday, May 7.

‡ May 5, 2010, 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.

§ For program guidance on the Grades 3-8 Mathematics Tests, please see: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/elintmath.html>.

NOTE: A concerted effort has been made to avoid scheduling the administration of State examinations on days of religious observance. 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.