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Central School District



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) submitted a request to the United States Department of Education to waive state testing requirements during the pandemic. We recently learned this waiver was denied. As a result, schools are required to administer session 1 of the grades 3-8 assessment of English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. Session 1 consists of multiple-choice questions and are typically completed within a 45 minute testing period. Students in grades 6-8 will take the assessment on their Chromebook. All students with testing accommodations will receive them. These tests will be completed in the morning on the dates listed below.

- ELA
 - Tuesday, April 27th - 3rd Grade & 4th Grade
 - Wednesday, April 28th - 5th Grade & 6th Grade
 - Thursday, April 29th - 7th Grade & 8th Grade
- Mathematics
 - Tuesday, May 4th - 3rd Grade & 4th Grade
 - Wednesday, May 5th - 5th Grade & 6th Grade
 - Thursday, May 6th - 7th Grade & 8th Grade

Please help your child be successful by:

- Ensuring your child has a good night's sleep.
- Avoiding scheduling any appointments in the morning of the testing date.
- For students in grades 6-8, ensuring your child's Chromebook comes to school fully-charged.

Please note, these assessments do not impact your student's progress report/report card in any way. This assessment will help the school learn more about our students' progress with the New York State Learning Standards. All results will be mailed to families once the district receives them. (This typically takes several months.)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming NYS 3-8 Assessment, we encourage you to contact us at the school via phone or email.

Regards,

Mrs. Stephanie Helgeland
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7-12 Principal