



CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Throughout the school year, our students have been working diligently to improve their skills in Reading and Math, and we are excited to offer them the opportunity to showcase their growth and abilities on this year's New York State ELA & Math computer-based assessments. Please note that students will have unlimited time to complete the assessments, and we encourage them to take their time and do their best. The dates for these assessments are as follows:

ELA Assessment: Tuesday, April 29th and Wednesday, April 30th. This assessment will focus on Reading, Writing, and Language Standards, and will include multiple choice, short-response, and extended-response questions.

Math Assessment: Tuesday, May 6th and Wednesday, May 7th. This assessment will evaluate Mathematics Standards and will include multiple choice and constructed-response questions.

Additionally, please note that only **5th and 8th grade students** will be participating in the **New York State Science assessment**, scheduled for Tuesday, May 13th.

While these assessments are important, it is essential to remember that no single test provides a complete picture of your child's abilities. The NYS assessments offer valuable information about how our students are performing in relation to the state standards and other schools. Additionally, they provide us with important data to help guide our program decisions, evaluate ongoing progress, and set goals for the future. We kindly ask that you avoid scheduling any appointments for your child on the assessment days to ensure they are able to complete the tests without any interruptions.

We are looking forward to seeing our students apply all of the knowledge and skills they have worked so hard to develop over the past year. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us at (716) 686-3660 or by contacting our administrative team directly at csalinas@ccsd-k12.net or kdaniels@ccsd-k12.net.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working together to make this testing experience a positive one for all our students.

Sincerely,

Chris Salinas Ed.D



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Session	Grades 5-8 ELA	Grades 5-8 Math	Grades 5 & 8 Science
1	4 reading passages 26 multiple choice questions 2 constructed-response questions- 2 credits	30 multiple choice questions (grs. 5 & 6) 32 multiple choice questions (grs. 7 & 8)	36-43 multiple choice questions (gr. 5) 56-62 multiple choice questions (gr. 8) *60 percent of each test will be comprised of multiple-choice questions, while approximately 40 percent will be constructed-response questions
2	3 reading passages (grs. 5 & 6) 4 reading passages (grs. 7 & 8) 7 multiple choice questions (grs. 5 & 6) 14 multiple choice questions (grs. 7 & 8) 3 constructed-response questions- 2 credits 1 constructed-response question- 4 credits *reading passages are a mix of literary (fiction) and informational (nonfiction) passages	5 multiple choice questions (gr. 5) 6 multiple choice questions (grs. 6 - 8) 3 constructed-response questions- 1 credit 5 constructed-response questions- 2 credits (gr. 5) 6 constructed-response questions- 2 credits (grs. 6-8) 1 constructed-response question- 3 credits	

Grades 5-8 NYS Testing Dates

ELA Session 1: April 29th

ELA Session 2: April 30th

Math Session 1 May 6th

Math Session 2 May 7th

Science (5th & 8th grade only): May 13th