

NYS Testing at PS 452

Grade 3
2014

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State Test Overview

Elementary and middle school students (grades 3-8) in New York State take yearly tests in core subjects to assess their mastery of Common Core Learning Standards.

Our third graders will take the following exams:

- English Language Arts Test on April 1 - 3
- Mathematics on April 30 - May 2

Common Core

The Common Core State Standards place an emphasis in the following areas:

ELA	Math
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nonfiction● Authentic texts● More challenging texts● Using evidence to write about text● Academic vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Building skills across grade levels● Learn more about less● “Real world” context● Math fact fluency● Problem solving<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Demonstrate understanding

ELA Testing Schedule Overview

ELA Test					
Day 1		Day 2		Day 3	
# of Questions	Estimated Time	# of Questions	Estimated Time	# of Questions	Estimated Time
5 passages 30 Multiple Choice Questions (MC)	50-70 minutes	3 passages 7 MC 3 Short Response 1 Extended Response	50-70 minutes	3 passages 5 short response 1 Extended Response	50-70 minutes

Sample ELA Items

In your packet you will find 2 passages as well as:

- 3 multiple choice questions
- 1 short response prompt
- 1 extended response prompt

All samples are from engageny.org

Math Testing Schedule Overview

Math Test					
Day 1		Day 2		Day 3	
# of Questions	Estimated Time	# of Questions	Estimated Time	# of Questions	Estimated Time
24 Multiple Choice (MC)	40-60 minutes	24 MC	40-60 minutes	5 Short response 3 Extended Response	50-70 minutes

Sample Math Items

In your packet you will find 5 math items

- 3 multiple choice
- 1 short response
- 1 extended response

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Test Preparation @ PS 452

We believe the best test prep is good instruction.

- Our curriculum is, and has been, aligned to Common Core standards
- We are working with them to “connect the dots” between what they already know how to do and what they’re expected to do on the test

We want to reduce our students’ stress.

- We offer repeated exposures to the testing format and the questions they may face in a supportive and positive environment
- We remind them that this test is meant to be difficult but they can use what they know to do their best

How you can prepare your child

- Talk openly and positively about the test
- Have your child read independently
- Give directions and expect them to be followed
- Ask questions and expect them to be answered
- Maintain good routines
 - healthy breakfast
 - appropriate bedtime
 - completing homework
 - on-time arrival
- Open dialogue with teachers if you have concerns

Questions

If you have specific questions related to your child, please speak with their teacher. If you have any further questions about testing, please reach out to our Parent Coordinator, Sharon Lustig.

Resources

State and City

<http://www.engageny.org/> - New York State website for CCLS testing information and materials

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/CommonCoreLibrary/ForFamilies/> - NYC's site for parent information related to Common Core.

Curriculum

<http://readingandwritingproject.com/> - Teachers College reading and writing project's website.

<http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/> - Everyday Math's website. There is a section for parents with many useful links.

Extra Practice

newsela.com – Authentic, news article resource. Scale down the Lexile level (reading level) for each article to meet your child's reading level. 3rd grade's levels range from 420-820. Rigorous questions follow each article.

ixl.com – Math practice for each Common Core standard for each grade.