



New York State Standardized Testing Program

March 20, 2023

Dear Dows Lane, MSS and IMS Families,

This year, the New York State Education Department (SED) will continue its traditional standardized testing program for students in grades 3-8, as is required by the Federal government. These assessments serve as one of multiple data points to provide schools and students' families with information on student growth in relation to New York State Learning Standards. Students' performance on these tests should not be viewed in isolation, as daily learning, teacher feedback, and school report cards/progress reports help to create a more global view of growth and achievement. Our faculty and staff continue to provide our students with outstanding instruction that will have them well-prepared for this experience.

While each school will communicate details as to their respective testing schedule and plan, the tests will be administered on the following days:

Dows Lane, Main Street School and Irvington Middle School

English/Language Arts: April 19-20

Make-up dates: April 24-26

Dows Lane and Main Street School: April 1-5

Irvington Middle School: April 21-28

Mathematics: May 2, 3

Make-up dates: May 4-9

Dows Lane and Main Street School: April 29-May 3

Irvington Middle School: May 4-11

Grades 8 Only

Science (written only): June 5

Make-up date: June 6

Districts and schools continue to be required to administer these assessments and to encourage participation from all students. However, should you choose not to have your child take the state tests, please submit an email to your child's principal indicating **your decision by no later than Monday, April 17, 2023**. If you have any questions regarding this year's state assessments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal who will be glad to be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

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