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Religious Accommodation for Paper-based Testing Attestation Form

In the [Statewide Implementation of Computer-based Testing memorandum](#), the New York State Education Department (NYSED) set forth details regarding plans to fully transition to computer-based testing for the Grades 3–8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests and the Elementary-level (Grade 5) and Intermediate-level (Grade 8) Science Tests. Paper-based testing will remain available to religious and independent schools who, because of religious beliefs, do not have technology in the classroom.

The paper-based testing option for religious and independent schools is only for those schools participating in the NYS Grades 3–8 ELA or Mathematics Tests or the Grades 5 and 8 Science Tests who do not make use of technology in the classroom because of religious beliefs. As this is a religious accommodation, it is not for schools that prefer to administer paper-based tests over computer-based tests.

To request a religious accommodation for paper-based testing, please complete the information below and e-mail the completed form to the Office of State Assessment at EXAMREQUEST@nysed.gov. Please include “Religious Accommodation for Paper-based Testing followed by the school’s BEDS code (e.g., Religious Accommodation for Paper-based Testing - 010002345678) in the subject line.

School BEDS Code:	
School Name:	
Name of CEO:	
E-mail Address:	
Phone Number:	

As CEO of the above-named school, I am requesting a religious accommodation for paper-based testing because of the religious beliefs of the institution. Please provide details below.

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CEO Signature:	
CEO name (printed)	
Date:	

If you have any questions, please contact the Operations Group at 518-474-8220 or via email to EXAMREQUEST@nysed.gov for assistance.