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TO: District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Public Schools  
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SUBJECT: Final Dates for the 2025–26 Elementary- and Intermediate-level Testing

**2025–26 School Year Elementary- and Intermediate-level Testing Schedule**

<b>Operational Test</b>	<b>Administration Window</b>	<b>Make-up Dates</b>	<b>Scoring Dates</b>	<b>Final Dates to Submit Answer Sheets to Scanning Centers</b>
<b>NYSAE English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science</b>	Monday, March 9– Friday, June 5	Make-ups must be given within the testing window	N/A	N/A
<b>Grades 3–8 English Language Arts</b> <b>Grades 3–8 mathematics</b> <b>Grades 5 &amp; 8 science</b>	Monday, April 6– Friday, May 15	Make-ups must be given within the testing window	Completed by Friday, May 22	N/A
<b>NYSESLAT Speaking</b>	Monday, April 6– Friday, May, 22	Make-ups must be given within the testing window	Speaking is usually scored as it is administered.	Friday, June 5
<b>NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing</b>	Monday, May 4– Friday, May 22	Make-ups must be given within the testing window	Tuesday, May 26 – Friday, June 5	Friday, June 5

For the Grades 3–8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Computer-based Tests, schools will select two consecutive days within the respective administration window to administer assessments for each grade level and subject. Schools must test the entire grade, except for make-up testing, on the same two consecutive school days for each subject. More than one grade level may be tested on the same two consecutive school days. For the Grades 5 & 8 Science Computer-based Tests, schools must test the entire grade, except for make-up testing on the same day. Schools may administer the Grades 5 & 8 Science Computer-based Tests on the same day. These rules are school-specific and need not be observed as district-specific. Schools with students that must test on paper per an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Accommodation Plan or who will be taking an alternate language edition of the mathematics or science test on paper, should test on the same days as their CBT grade classmates.

Religious and Independent Schools who due to religious beliefs, do not make use of technology in the classroom and therefore will only be offering paper-based tests, must administer the paper-based tests within the same multiple-week window (Monday, April 6 – Friday, May 15).