

Berlin

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Families of Berlin Elementary Students,

Unlike last year, students in New York State will have to take the state assessments for the 2020-2021 school year.

Earlier this year, the New York State Board of Regents petitioned the federal Department of Education for a waiver to cancel Grades 3-8 Math, English Language Arts Exams, as well as the Grades 4 and 8 Science exams. That waiver has not been approved, and students will be expected to take these assessments.

While students will have to take the state assessments, there will be some changes this year. Only the first session of the Grades 3-8 Math and ELA exam will be administered instead of two sessions. Only the written portion of the Grades 4 Science exam will be administered while the performance test will not be given. Testing sessions will not be timed, and students will have as much time as needed to complete the session.

Please be aware that the New York State Education Department has stated that it will not be possible to administer any state assessments remotely this year. All exams will be administered in-person. Students who have opted to learn in a fully remote environment will not be expected to participate, though they will have the option of attending in-person to complete the assessments. A survey has been sent via email to all remote families to indicate their intentions for testing.

Berlin Elementary Testing Schedule

Assessment	Date Given
English Language Arts	Tuesday, April 20th for in-person students Wednesday, April 21st for remote students
Math	Tuesday, May 4th for in-person students Wednesday, May 5th for remote students
Science 4 - Written Exam	Tuesday, June 8th for in-person students Wednesday, June 9th for remote students

Thank you for your time and attention to this information. Please feel free to reach me at tkent@berlincentral.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tracy Kent