



# Berlin

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Dear Families of Berlin Middle/High School Students,

While NYS Board of Regents has applied for a waiver to cancel the 3-8 NYS Assessments in ELA, Math, and Science, that waiver has currently not been approved and students will be expected to take these exams in person here at Berlin Middle/High School. The intent of this letter is to inform you of those changes and to explain how this will impact the school calendar for the entire Berlin Middle/High School building during the weeks that those tests occur. *Please know that if guidance changes, this plan may need to be reevaluated.*

Rather than the usual two days of testing in each subject, each test will be shortened to only one day. Only the first session of the ELA exam and Math exam will be administered, and only the written portion (not the performance tests) will be given in Science.

All exams will be given in-person. All students in grades 6-8 will have access to transportation and breakfast regardless of Green, Yellow, or Remote teams. Specific drop-off, pick-up, and arrival times will be forthcoming. Students who are currently fully remote will be given the opportunity to use a separate entrance and exit (BMHS Cafeteria doors) with a single-flow of traffic in and out of the building to minimize contact with any other cohort of student(s). NYS has made it clear that students who are fully remote are not expected to test, but we will give all students the opportunity to test in order to measure skills and learning.

If you are a parent of a fully remote student, please take the survey previously sent out so that we know what to expect on the day of each test. If you are a parent of a hybrid or fully in-person student, the testing dates are normal attendance days for your child. If your child will refuse testing, please indicate that intention in writing to Principal Jodi Sullivan no later than April 14, 2021 by emailing Ms. Amie Decker, Secretary to the Principal ([adecker@berlincentral.org](mailto:adecker@berlincentral.org)).

If you are a parent of a Berlin High School Student, seeking answers regarding Regents Testing this is what we know right now; The New York State Board of Regents has announced that certain Regents Examinations will be given this June. Those exams are: English Language Arts, Algebra 1, Living Environment, and Earth Science. More information about June Regents Exams will be forthcoming as we receive further guidance.

Thank you for your time and partnership. Please reach out to the Berlin Middle/High School Main Office if you have questions (518) 658-1500.

Sincerely,

Jodi R. Sullivan  
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## Here are the calendar updates due to NYS 6-8 Testing:

TESTING WEEK:	Impact to Grades 6-8	Impact to Grades 9-12
ELA Testing (April 20-21)	<p>Tuesday, April 20th: <b>Remote Day for ALL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Closed for Deep Cleaning</li> <li>• Students follow a typical “Wednesday Schedule”</li> </ul> <p>Wednesday, April 21st: <b>In-Person TESTING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELA Test Administered for Grades 6-8</li> <li>• After testing, students will be able to go outside for activities (weather-permitting)</li> </ul>	<p>Tuesday, April 20th: <b>Remote Day for ALL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Closed for Deep Cleaning</li> <li>• Students follow a typical “Wednesday Schedule”</li> </ul> <p>Wednesday, April 21st: <b>Remote Day for ALL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will follow a normal period schedule for Day 2, and will need to attend Zoom Meetings for scheduled classes</li> </ul>
Math Testing (May 4-5)	<p>Tuesday, May 4th: <b>Remote Day for ALL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Closed for Deep Cleaning</li> <li>• Students follow a typical “Wednesday Schedule”</li> </ul> <p>Wednesday, May 5th: <b>In-Person TESTING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math Test Administered for Grades 6-8</li> <li>• After testing, students will be able to go outside for activities (weather-permitting)</li> </ul>	<p>Tuesday, May 4th: <b>Remote Day for ALL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Closed for Deep Cleaning</li> <li>• Students follow a typical “Wednesday Schedule”</li> </ul> <p>Wednesday, May 5th: <b>Remote Day for ALL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will follow a normal period schedule for Day 2, and will need to attend Zoom Meetings for scheduled classes</li> </ul>
<b>**Science Testing is for Students in Grade 8 ONLY</b>	<b>Impact to Grade 8</b>	<b>Impact to Grades 6-7 AND Grades 9-12</b>
Science Testing (June 10)  <u>**Science Testing is for students in Grade 8 ONLY</u>	<p>Wednesday, June 10th: <b>In-Person TESTING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Science Test Administered for Grade 8 ONLY</b></li> <li>• After testing, students will be able to go outside for activities (weather-permitting)</li> </ul>	<p>Wednesday, June 10th: <b>No Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>This day will run as a <u>typical</u> “Wednesday Schedule” for all students except for students in Grade 8</b></li> <li>• Deep Cleaning will occur as usual</li> </ul>