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Dear Mountaineer Community,

This spring, Berlin Middle High School will administer the **New York State Grades 6–8 assessments in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Grade 8 Science**. All exams will be computer-based using student Chromebooks, which students have been using throughout the school year.

### Testing Schedule

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>ELA</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science 8</u>
Sixth Grade	April 22 & 23	April 28 & 29	—
Seventh Grade	April 22 & 23	April 28 & 29	—
Eighth Grade	April 22 & 23	April 28 & 29	May 7

The ELA, Math, and Science exams include multiple-choice and open-ended questions aligned to grade-level standards. Students are asked to read, write, analyze, and solve problems—skills essential for success in the next grade level.

These assessments provide valuable information about your child’s academic progress. Score reports highlight specific skill areas and compare performance statewide. Please note that state test results may differ from report card grades, which reflect cumulative classroom performance.

We strongly encourage student participation. Broad participation helps us better understand student learning and allows us to target instruction and resources where they are needed most.

To prepare, we encourage students to come to school well-rested, remain relaxed, and simply try their best.

If you wish to opt your child out of NYSED assessments, please review the attached [Opt Out Letter](#) for instructions and contact me to confirm your decision. If you have already notified me, please confirm again to ensure accurate exam assignments.

Thank you for your continued partnership. If you have any questions, please contact me at [dbernsley@berlincentral.org](mailto:dbernsley@berlincentral.org) or (518) 658-1500 ext. 1005.

Warm regards,

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