

Tips for Families preparing students for testing

What can I do to help my child? On each day of the assessment, it is to the students' advantage that they come to school well rested and having eaten a good breakfast. This will help them to do their best on the different parts of the assessment.

What materials will my child need? All students will need pencils with good erasers for the assessments. **7th & 8th** graders will also need a scientific calculator for the math exam.

When will the different parts of the assessment be given? Will more than one part be given on a day? There will only be one part of the assessment given each morning, except 8th grade ELA on the first day. (Two parts will be given that day.) The teachers will begin to administer all assessments within the first half hour of the school day. It is our expectation that the students should be finished with the assessments by 11:00 a.m. each day of testing.

What happens if school is closed? If it is necessary to cancel school due to bad weather or other reasons, the assessment will be given on the next day of school.

If my child has missed part of the assessment, what will be done for them? Should students be late to school or absent, arrangements will be made to have them make-up the part(s) of the assessment that they missed. We strongly encourage that your child be in attendance on the days of the assessments.

How much should I encourage my child or emphasize the importance of the assessment? Please keep in mind that it is in each student's best interest to approach the test in a calm, confident state of mind. While it is important that students are encouraged to do their very best on the exams, we don't want to stress them out or have them be afraid of the test.

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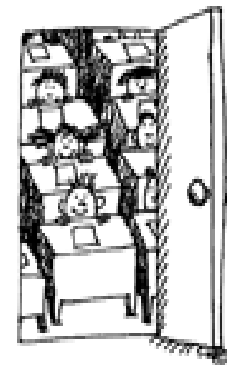
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Draper Parents' Guide to the New NYS Testing



Draper Middle School
Mohonasen Central
School District
Grades 6-8
Testing Information



April-June 2010

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March 2010

Dear Draper Families,

This year marks the first year that **ALL** NYS exams will take place toward the end of the school year.

With this change to the testing timeline, we would like to provide you with the enclosed dates, tips, and other information regarding the state tests as they affect our students. On the inside pages you will find the dates for each exam delineated by grade level. On the back page, you will find a list of tips for families to help students prepare for these testing days. You will also find a link to the Parent Guide provided by the NY State Education Department.

Our goal is to make this experience the best possible for our students. The tests are intended to measure our students' knowledgebase and the best placement of our students in future courses.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact the appropriate academic administrator. *Contact information can be found on the back page of this brochure.*

Draper NYS Testing Schedule

ELA Exams

Tuesday, April 27th
Grades 6,7,8
Wednesday, April 28th
Grades 6,7,8
Thursday, April 29th
Grade 6 ONLY

*ELA Make-ups will be scheduled
May 3-4th.

Math Exams

Wednesday, May 5th
Math Grades 6,7,8
Thursday, May 6th
Math Grades 6,7,8

*7th & 8th graders must bring a
scientific calculator both days*

*Math Make-ups will be scheduled
May 7-13th.

Draper NYS Testing Schedule

Science Exams *Grade 8 ONLY*

Performance Exam:
(Students will attend one session on one of the following dates as determined by his/her science teacher)

Tuesday, May 25th
Wednesday May 26th
Thursday, May 27th

Written Exam:
Monday June 7th

*Science Make-ups will be scheduled
Performance: May 25th—June 3rd.
Written: June 8th and 9th

Social Studies Exams *Grade 8 ONLY*

Monday, June 14th *and*
Tuesday June 15th

*Social Studies Make-ups will be
scheduled June 16–17