

Assessment and Testing Calendar

School Year 2014-2015

Grades 6-8									
Administration Dates	Assessment Name	Description	Grade Levels						
			6	7	8				
September 15-30, 2014 May 4-15, 2015	Student Learning Objectives (SLO) and Performance Tasks	 Purpose: These district-designed assessments focus on key content in different subject areas. They are used to measure progress and growth over the course of the year. Time: 20 minutes Accommodations: Students are allowed any accommodation listed in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan. 	X	X	Х				
September 15-30, 2014 January 19-30, 2015 May 4-29, 2015	AIMSweb – Reading and Math	 Purpose: This series of short, research-based screening and progress monitoring tests are used to efficiently and quickly assess our students' reading and math skills. Time: 15 minutes Accommodations: None. All AIMSweb assessments are standardized and follow specific procedures. This means that students should not receive additional time or coaching. 	X (Math Only)	X (Math Only)	X (Math Only)				
September 9, 2014 – February 27, 2015	NYS Alternative Assessment (NYSSA)	 Purpose: Students complete a variety of tasks in reading, writing and math to develop a portfolio of work. Only students who have an IEP that identifies participation in the NYSSA participate in this assessment instead of the NYS exams in reading, writing and math. Time: Administered over several months Accommodations: Students are allowed any accommodation listed in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) 	Х	X	Х				
October 15-30, 2014 January 19-30, 2015 May 15-30, 2015	Scholastic Reading Inventory	 Purpose: This series of short, research-based screening and progress monitoring tests are used to efficiently and quickly assess our students' reading skills. Time: 25 minutes Accommodations: None. This assessment is standardized and follows specific procedures. It is designed as a screening and progress-monitoring measure to identify instructional needs. This means that students should not receive additional time or coaching. 	Х	X	Х				

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October 2014 December 2014 March 2015 May 2015	Interim Assessments in Reading and Math (only iZone and schools with Extended Learning Time)	 Purpose: These assessments, given every 6 to 8 weeks, are designed to assess mastery of gradelevel content and skills that have been taught over multiple units or topics. Time: 45-65 minutes each Accommodations: Students are allowed any accommodation listed in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan. 	X	X	х
April 14, 2015 – May 15, 2015	NYSESLAT: Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing	 Purpose: Measures annual progress and growth in English language proficiency. Our students who are learning English as a second language participate in this assessment, as required by federal and state laws. Time: Total of two to three hours over the course of several weeks Accommodations: In general, students with disabilities must be provided with the testing accommodations specified in their IEPs or 504 Plans when taking these tests, with two exceptions: The Reading subtest may not be read to any student. For the Writing subtest, students may not receive assistance with or have their responses corrected for spelling, grammar, paragraphing or punctuation. 	X	X	X
April 14-16, 2015 (English Language Arts) April 22-24, 2015 (Math)	NYS Assessment	 Purpose: These state mandated assessments measure students' mastery of grade level standards and skills in English Language Arts and Math. Time: Approximately 70 minutes a day over 6 days Accommodations: Students with disabilities must be provided with the testing accommodations specified in their IEPs or 504 Plans when taking these tests. 	Х	Х	X
May 20-29, 2015	NYS Science Assessment – Performance and Written	 Purpose: The science assessments are designed to measure the content and skills taught in the 5-8 science core curriculum. Time: Written – 60 minutes, Performance – 75 minutes Accommodations: Students must be provided with the testing accommodations specified in their IEPs or 504 Plans when taking these tests. 		0	X

For questions or more information regarding assessment and testing, please contact the Office of Shared Accountability at 435-4281