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**TO:** Principals of Public, Religious, and Independent Schools  
Leaders of Charter Schools

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**SUBJECT:** Procedures for Requesting, Shipping, and Storing Materials for the Spring 2024 Administration of the New York State Grades 3–8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests and the Elementary-level (Grade 5) and Intermediate-level (Grade 8) Science Tests

This memorandum provides information concerning the Spring 2024 Grades 3–8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests and the Elementary-level (Grade 5) and Intermediate-level (Grade 8) Science Tests.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Grades 3–8 ELA and Mathematics Tests and the Elementary-level (Grade 5) and Intermediate-level (Grade 8) Science Tests m

**STUDENTS TO BE TESTED**

Except as noted

For any grade level a school is testing with CBT, all students in that grade level must test by CBT. The only exceptions are for those students who must test on paper according to their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Accommodation Plan (504 Plan), and students who require an alternate language edition of the mathematics or science test. These students should test on the same days as their CBT grade classmates. In addition, paper-based testing will remain available to religious and independent schools, who do not make use of technology in the classroom because of religious beliefs (please see page 4 for additional information).

All alternate language editions of the mathematics and science tests, as well as large-print and Braille editions, will be offered as paper-based tests. As the Department mows, who do not

## **RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS**

There is a paper-based testing option only for those religious and independent schools who do not make use of technology in the classroom because of religious beliefs. As this is a religious accommodation, it is not for schools that prefer to administer paper-based tests over computer-based tests.

A religious or independent school interested in the PBT option due to religious beliefs will need to complete and e-mail an attestation form, that will be available on the [Office of Religious and Independent School Support's \(ORISS\) website](#)