



# MOUNT SINAI UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Grades 3-8 Families,

As you may already be aware, we are nearing the dates of the 2024 New York State Assessments in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics and Science (Grades 5 and 8 only). The elementary school will be administering the test via paper and pencil while the middle school will be using computer based testing. Individual testing days are still being determined; however the schedule window is below. A final schedule will be forthcoming.

Test	Mount Sinai Testing Window
ELA (Grades 3-4)	Wednesday, April 10th - Friday, April 12th
Math (Grades 3-4)	Tuesday, May 7th - Thursday, May 9th
ELA (Grades 5-8)	Monday, April 8th - Monday, April 15th
Math (Grades 5-8)	Monday, April 29th - Monday, May 6th
Science (Grades 5 and 8 only)	Monday, May 13th - Friday, May 17th

All school districts are required to administer these tests yearly to students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade by the New York State Department of Education. The tests are untimed and students will be given as much time as they need to finish the tests on that day. The tests are not used for any formal decisions such as promotion or teacher evaluations and will merely be looked at as another data point as to how your son or daughter is doing in school.

While we encourage all students to take the test, we also respect the choice of any parents who wish to have their students refuse (or “opt out”) of the assessments. If you wish to opt your child out of the ELA, Math or Science (Grades 5 & 8 only) exam, please use [this link](#) to indicate so by **March 27, 2024**. The link will bring you to a Google Form in which you can specify assessment refusal for your child. You can also **scan the QR code below** to access the Google Form. Please note, that you must fill out a google form for each child scheduled in Grades 3-8 within the District if you choose to refuse testing.

We ask that you use the form in lieu of emailing the teacher or principal directly or calling the main office. This will allow us to plan efficiently and ensure all students have the proper testing environment on the days they take the tests.



Scan this QR code to submit a test refusal for NYS ELA (Grades 3-8), Mathematics (Grades 3-8) and/ or Science (Grade 5 & 8) Testing.

If you have any questions regarding the tests themselves or anything related to the examinations, please reach out to your building principal. Thank you in advance for using the link and following the proper protocol to ensure we have all of the information needed to plan for the examinations.

Sincerely,

*Rob Catlin*

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