

The 2016 New York State



English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests

Overview



- ∞ 2016 Testing Updates:
 - Specific changes to the 2016 Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests
- ∞ Aspects of the tests that remain the same
- ∞ Supporting Your Child's Learning

2016 Testing Updates



- ❧ Change to a new testing Vendor
- ❧ Greater involvement of educators in the test development process
- ❧ A shift to untimed testing
- ❧ A decrease in the number of test questions

ELA Test Format



Comparison of the 2015 & 2016 ELA Tests



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	# of Passages		# of Multiple-Choice Questions		# of 2-pt. Constructed-Response Questions		# of 4-pt. Constructed-Response Questions	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Grades 3–4								
Book 1	5	4	30	24	0	0	0	0
Book 2	3	3	7	7	3	2	1	1
Book 3	3	3	0	0	5	5	1	1
Grades 5–8								
Book 1	6	5	42	35	0	0	0	0
Book 2	3	3	7	7	3	2	1	1
Book 3	3	3	0	0	5	5	1	1

Math Test Format



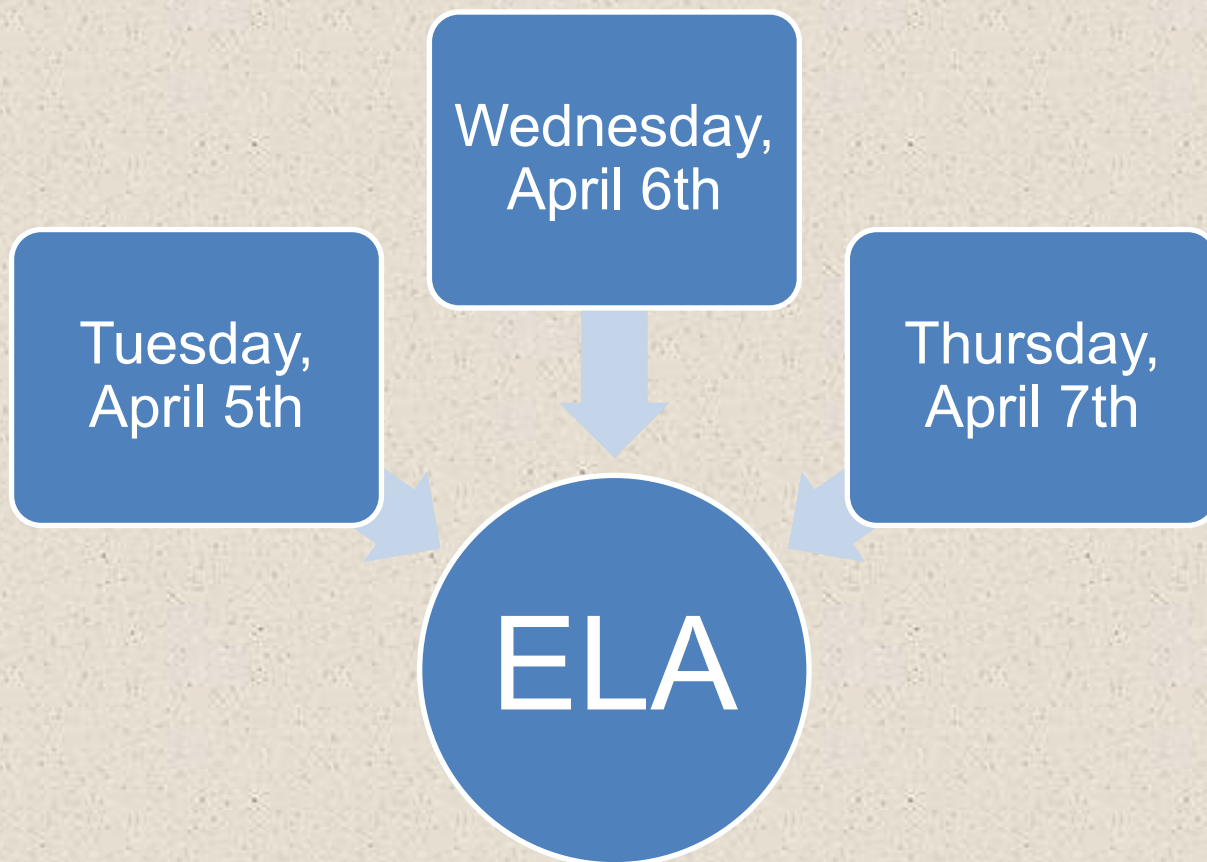
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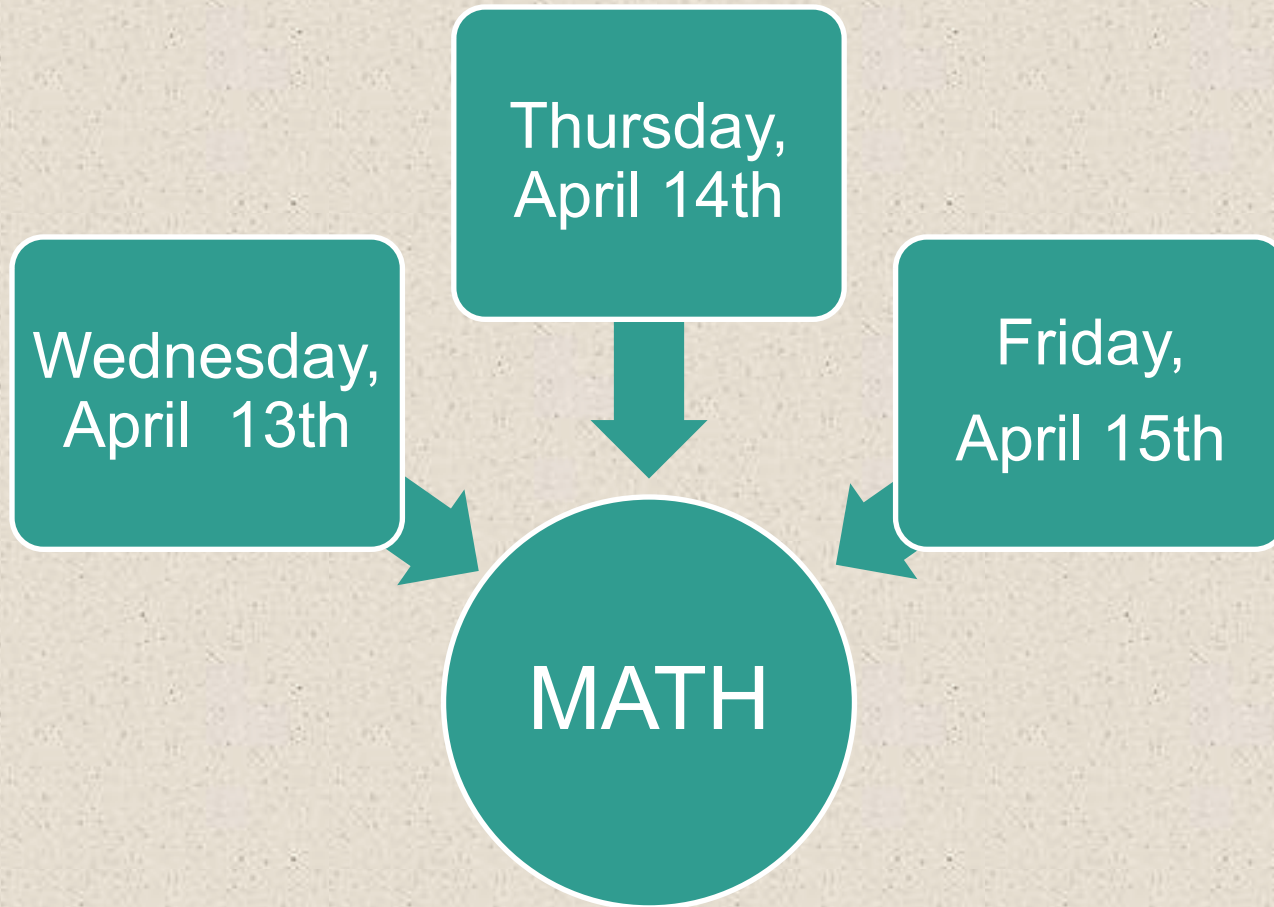
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	# of Multiple-Choice Questions		# of 2-pt. Constructed-Response Questions	# of 3-pt. Constructed-Response Questions
	2015	2016	2015 & 2016	2015 & 2016
Grade 3				
Book 1	24	22	0	0
Book 2	24	22	0	0
Book 3	0	0	5	3
Grades 4–5				
Book 1	24	22	0	0
Book 2	25	23	0	0
Book 3	0	0	6	4
Grades 6–8				
Book 1	28	26	0	0
Book 2	27	25	0	0
Book 3	0	0	6	4

2016 ELA Testing Dates



2016 Math Testing Dates



What remains the same ...

Common Core Learning Standards: *ELA*



Supporting Your Child at Home:

ELA



- ❧ Read often to, with and alongside your child
- ❧ Keep track of the time your child spends reading daily
- ❧ Expose your child to varying types of texts – fiction, non-fiction, poetry. Reading beyond books: newspaper articles; magazines; instructions; cookbooks; song lyrics
- ❧ Read more challenging books *with* your child



Supporting Your Child at Home:

ELA



- ☞ Discuss books with your child. Ask open-ended questions. Ask your child to support responses with “evidence from the text” or by simply asking, “How do you know that?”



- ☞ Encourage writing at home – keeping a journal, writing letters, etc.

Common Core Learning Standards: Mathematics



- *Learn more about less*
- *Build skills across grades*
- *Speed and accuracy*
- *Really know it, really do it*
- *Think fast AND solve problems*
- *Use it in the real world*

Supporting Learning at Home: Mathematics



- ∞ Be aware of what your child struggled with last year and how that will effect ongoing learning
- ∞ Know what the priority work is for your child at their grade level
- ∞ Help him/her know, understand and memorize basic math facts
- ∞ Ask questions and review your child's homework to see whether he/she understands *why*, as well as *what* the answer is
- ∞ Ask your child to do the math that comes up in daily life

Parent Resources



☞ *Council of Great City Schools Parent Roadmap to the Common Core Standards*

<http://www.cgcs.org/Domain/36>

This publication on this site provides individual road maps for ELA and Mathematics for grades K-8. It includes timelines showing how selected standards change from year to year. The publication guides parents through what their child will be learning and how they can support their learning.

☞ *National PTA Guides for Student Success*

<http://pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583>

This site includes what students should be learning in each grade and activities parents can do at home to support their child's learning.

☞ *Engage New York Parent and Family Resources*

<http://engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources>

This page links to resources that help parents better understand how New York is implementing Common Core Learning Standards and how they will look in the classrooms.

Questions/Comments

