

# The State Exams

What are they all about?

# NYS Testing Dates

- ▶ ELA

- ▶ April 11-12

- ▶ Math

- ▶ May 1-2

- ▶ If for any reason your child is absent on one of the testing dates then he or she will make up the exam during one of the four days following the exam.

# ELA Exam Overview

- ▶ Combination of Literary and Informational Texts
- ▶ Multiple Choice questions on Day 1 ONLY
- ▶ Short responses consist of responding to a question with evidence from the text
- ▶ Extended responses consist of making a claim and supporting it with text-based details in a coherent essay.

# ELA Exam Overview

Grade	Day 1 Focus on Reading	Day 2 Focus on Writing
3	24 multiple choice questions 4 reading passages	6 short responses 1 extended response 3 reading passages
4	24 multiple choice questions 4 reading passages	6 short responses 1 extended response 3 reading passages
5	35 multiple choice questions 5 reading passages	6 short responses 1 extended response 3 reading passages

# Math Exam Overview

- ▶ Day 1 - Multiple Choice Questions
- ▶ Day 2 - Multiple Choice and Multi-Step Word Problems which require students to show their work, and in some cases, explain their solution, in words
- ▶ Emphasis on Multiplication, Division, Fractions, Measurement (Length, Time, Mass, and Area), and Place Value understanding

# Math Exam Overview

Grade	Day 1	Day 2
3	25 multiple choice questions	8 multiple choice questions 6 short responses 1 extended response
4	30 multiple choice questions	8 multiple choice questions 6 short responses 1 extended response
5	30 multiple choice questions	8 multiple choice questions 6 short responses 1 extended response

# Untimed Testing

- ▶ Each day testing will begin around 9:00am (Please be on time!)
- ▶ NYS says on average 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will need 55-70 minutes to complete testing each day and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will need 80-90 minutes.
- ▶ All children have as much time as they need. If students need to continue after 11:30 each day they will get a short break, a snack and then will continue testing in the library.

# How is YCS Preparing Students?

- ▶ Units of Study aligned with CCLS
- ▶ Embedded Test Prep
- ▶ Using data analysis to inform whole and small group instruction
- ▶ Embedding test language into classroom practice



# Test Prep Academy

- ▶ **ELA (March 7-29)** -- Wednesday and Thursday Mornings, 8:00 am - 8:40 am
- ▶ **Math (April 18-26)**—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Mornings, 8:00 am - 8:40 am
- ▶ Permission slips will be sent home.
- ▶ Please note that participation in this program is **voluntary**. However, if you would like your child to participate, they must attend **all sessions**, (excused absences understood).
- ▶ It is necessary that your child arrives **no later than 8:05 am**.
- ▶ **No one will be allowed upstairs after 8:10am.**

# How can you help your child?

- ▶ Talk about what the test is like
- ▶ Go over your child's accommodations (if any)
- ▶ Build stamina
- ▶ Practice math facts
- ▶ Engage in real life problem solving
- ▶ Model testing language (transitional words)
- ▶ Use specific vocabulary
- ▶ Read with your child regularly and ask them questions about their books
- ▶ Practice relaxation techniques
- ▶ Stay calm and upbeat
- ▶ Get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast
- ▶ If your child wears glasses, they must have them for testing

Q & A