

# ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Arlington Families,

In the past few weeks, we received guidance from the New York State Education Department regarding the 3-8 Assessments and Regents exams. I want to take this opportunity to share my appreciation to the NYS Department of Education Commissioner Betty A. Rosa and the NYS Board of Regents for seeking a federal waiver to forgo mandated testing for 2020-21.

While we are required by Federal regulations to administer this year's state assessments, we believe that doing so is disruptive and misguided under the current pandemic circumstances. However, we will fulfill our mandate by offering the assessments to any parent who chooses to participate.

If you still wish to have your child participate in this year's in-person administration of the state assessments, we will accommodate your request. Please [complete this survey](#) to let the district know that your child will participate by **Wednesday, April 13**, in order to allow us to properly prepare. If we do not receive notification from you by this date, then we will assume your child will not be participating in this year's 3-8 grade math, ELA, and science state assessments.

Students who are not participating will continue with regular classroom instruction. Below please find the testing window during which the assessments will be given:

Grades 3-8 English Language Arts	April 19 - April 29
Grade 3-8 Mathematics	May 3 - May 14
Science 4	June 7 - June 9
Science 8	June 7 - June 9

We will be continuing the use of our regular in-district assessment tools throughout the spring. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your building principal.

Sincerely yours,  
Lorenzo Licopoli, Ph.D.

*Our mission is to empower all students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who willingly contribute to their community and lead passionate, purposeful lives.*