

**PLEASE SEE APPENDICES FOR DETAILED INFORMATION
REGARDING CORE SUBJECT TESTING**

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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- 7 First Day for Students
7-8 **PreK-3 & PreK-4** Screening Window (ASQ Screening)
11-29 **Grades K-8:** AIMSweb Plus Benchmark Assessment Window
18 **NWEA** Fall Testing Window Opens thru 10/6/23 (Math & Reading)
18 **I-Ready** Math Screener Window Opens only for teachers piloting program thru 10/6/23
12 **Kindergarten** Math Inventory Window Opens thru 10/6/23
25-29 **ELEM: ELA – Grades K-5** Baseline Writing Assessment window
25 **BASC-3 BESS Grades 7-12** Opens thru 10/6/23

OCTOBER 2023						
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- 6 **BASC-3 BESS Grade 7-12** Window Closes
6 **Kindergarten** Math Inventory Closes
6 **NWEA** Fall Testing Window Closes
6 **I-Ready** Math Screener Window Closes
9 **Holiday** - No School
10-27 **ELEM: BASC-3 BESS** for **Grades K-6** Window (K-4 teacher form) (Grades 5 & 6 student form)
30 **Grade 5 Science** Benchmark Assessment #1 Window Opens thru 11/9/23

NOVEMBER 2023						
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- 6-17 **Grades 3 & 6 Science** Benchmark Assessment #1 Window
7 **Superintendent Conference Day** – All Levels
9 **Grade 5 Science** Benchmark Assessment #1 Window Closes
10 Veterans Day -No School
22 No Teachers / No Students / No 10-month staff
23-24 Thanksgiving Break – No School
27 **ELEM: ELA Grades 2-5** Trimester 1 Assessment Window Opens thru 12/8 (including makeups)

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DECEMBER 2023						
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- 4-15 **Grade 4 Science** Benchmark Assessment #1 Window
8 **ELEM: ELA Grades 2-5** Trimester 1 Assessment Closes (including makeups)
11-21 **Grades 7 & 8 Science** Benchmark Assessment #1 Window (Excluding those taking Living Environment)
16 **ELEM: Math 1-5** Portfolio Benchmark Exemplar #1 deadline (please note: Kindergarten only does Exemplars #2 and #3)
21 Last day of classes before Winter Recess
22-29 Winter Recess – No Teachers / No Students / No 10-month staff
26-30 Winter Recess – 12-month staff

JANUARY 2024						
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- 1 New Year's Day
2 Return from Winter Recess
3-19 **NWEA** Winter Testing Window
▪ **K-5 ELA, K-6 Math** – Mandatory
3-19 **I-Ready** Math Screener window only for teachers piloting program
4-16 **Grade 5 Science** Benchmark Assessment #2 Window
8-19 **Grade 3 Science** Benchmark Assessment #2 Window
8-26 **ELEM and PREP: AIMSweb** Plus Benchmark Assessment Window
15 Dr. M.L. King Jr. Day – No School
23-26 **NFHS: Regents** Exams
26 **Superintendent's Conference Day - ELEM & PREP**
29 **Grade 4 Science** Benchmark Assessment #2 Window
Opens thru 2/9

FEBRUARY 2024						
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- 9 **Grade 4 Science** Benchmark Assessment #2 Window Closes
19 Presidents' Day – No School
20 **Superintendent's Conference Day - NFHS**
26 **Kindergarten** Math Inventory Window Mid-Year Opens thru 3/14
26 **ELEM: CogAT** Testing Window Opens thru 3/1
Grades 1 & 6; Grades 2-5 by request/recommendation

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- 1 **ELEM:** CogAT Testing Window Closes
4-14 **ELEM: ELA Grades 2-5** Trimester 2 Assessment (including makeups)
11-22 **Grade 7 Science** Benchmark Assessment #2 Window
13 **NYSAA:** Administration Window Opens thru 6/7/24
14 **Kindergarten** Math Inventory Window Mid-Year Closes
15 **Superintendent Conference Day – All Levels**
18 **Grade 3 Science** Benchmark Assessment #3 Window Opens thru 4/12
24 **ELEM: Math K-5** Portfolio Benchmark Exemplar #2 deadline
25 No Teachers/ No Students
26-29 Spring Recess
29 No 12 Month Staff

APRIL 2024						
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- 1-5 Spring Recess – No Teachers/ No Students/ No 10-month staff
8 Return from Recess
8-19 **Grade 6 Science** Benchmark Assessment #2 Window
10-17 **NYS CBT ELA - Grades 3-8 (Including Makeups)**
(Please prioritize assessing Grades 5 and 8 to avoid testing conflicts)
12 **Grade 3 Science** Benchmark Assessment #3 Window Closes
15 **NYSESLAT** Speaking Window Opens thru 5/23
15-26 **Grade 4 Science** Benchmark Assessment #3 Window
23 **NYS CBT MATH - Grades 3-8 (Including Makeups)** Window Opens thru 5/2/23 (Please prioritize assessing Grades 5 and 8 to avoid testing conflicts)

MAY 2024						
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- 2 **NYS CBT Math – Gr 3-8 Testing Window Closes**
7-17 **NYS CBT Science – ONLY Grades 5 & 8**
13 **ELEM: BASC-3 BESS for Grades K-6** (select students receiving interventions only)
13-23 **NYSESLAT** Listening, Reading, Writing Window
23 **NYSESLAT** Speaking Window Closes
24 No Teachers/ No 10 Month Staff/ No Students
27 Memorial Day – No Staff/ No Students
28 **STAMP 4S Grade 8 Spanish** Window Opens thru 6/11/23
28 **ELEM: ELA Grades 2-5** Trimester 3 Assessment Opens thru 6/7/23 (including makeups)

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3-18	NWEA Spring Testing Window (Math & Reading)
3-18	I-Ready Math Screener Window <u>only</u> for teachers piloting program
3-14	Kindergarten Math Inventory EOY Window
4	Algebra I Regents
7	ELEM: ELA Grades 2-5 Trimester 3 Assessment Window closes
5-9	ELEM: ELA – Grades K-5 Summative Writing Assessment
7	NYSAA: Administration Window closes
10-18	Grades 3, 4, & 6 Science Benchmark Assessment #4 Window
11	STAMP 4S Grade 8 Spanish Window Closes
4-18	Grades K-8: AIMSweb Plus Benchmark Assessment
13	Grade 7 Science Benchmark Assessment #3 Window
14-25	Regents Exams
19	Juneteenth Observance – No School
21	ELEM: Math K-5 Portfolio Benchmark Exemplar #3 deadline
25	ELEM & PREP: Last Day for Students
26	Rating Day – Last Day for Teachers

Appendix A

ELA

Foundations: All Unit tests to be administered

K: Units: 1,3,5 -include in portfolio

1: Units: 1,7, and last completed unit -include in portfolio

2: Units: 1,8 and last completed unit -include in portfolio

ELA – Wonders (Teachers Not Trained in Literacy Footprints)

- Grades K-1 -Refer to teacher checklists

Literacy Footprint Teachers Only (Grades K-2)

- 1 Guided Reading Assessment per trimester:
September, January, and June

All ELA Grades 2-5 administer T1, T2, and T3 assessments

NEW: Grade 3 Language Arts has numerical grading on report card

Appendix B

Science

CBT using “Inner Orbit” for Grades 3 – 6. Please see note in chart below.

2023-24 Grading Schema for Science Grades 3 – 6

Numerical grades for science should be based on a combination of the BOCES4Science end of unit performance task/assessment and the classwork completed within the unit as well as traditional assessments and the NYS Required Investigations. The chart below has been provided for guidance.

Categories to Include in Determining Numerical Grade	Explanation
District Benchmark Assessments from “Inner Orbit”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 3 through 6 Science Benchmark Assessments #1- The Benchmark Assessment Grade will not be used. Results of the benchmark assessment will be used for instructional purposes only • Grades 3, 4 & 6- Benchmark Assessments #2 and #3 will be used in the trimester in which they are administered. There should be <u>no</u> weighting. Do not average the grades together. If both fall within the same trimester, enter as two separate grades. • Grades 3, 4 & 6- Benchmark Assessment #4 will be 10% of the 3rd trimester grade • Grade 5- Benchmark #2 should be used in the trimester it is administered in, as a single grade. There will be no weighting.
Unit Classwork and Participation	<p>Must include (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Science Journal – Completeness and accuracy of responses with a strong focus on CER statements (these will be a big focus on state assessments, putting priority on them will help students to be prepared for the assessment) • Additional activities outside of the journal if applicable – examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Wolf Research Notebook” in the Unit: Where are the Wolves? (3rd grade) ○ “Summary Chart” in the Unit: A Walk in the Park (4th grade) ○ “Deer Diary” in the Unit: Deer, Deer Everywhere (5th grade)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exit slips, peer/self-evaluations, quizzes, vocabulary activities as included in the BOCES units or created by the teacher • Grade 5 Generation Genius activities/assessments • Grade 5 NYS test prep
Categories to Include in Determining Numerical Grade	Explanation
Unit Performance Task/Assessment	<p><u>3rd Grade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are the Wolves?: CER Statement (last lesson) • Investigating Weather and Climate: Travel Destination Project/Presentation • Generations of Butterflies: Summative Assessment (found on BOCES4Science website) • Invisible Forces: Rube Goldberg Machine Performance Task <p><u>4th Grade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Processes: Final Project/Design Solution (lessons 12 and 13) • Riding the Waves: Mystery Breakout Box Task (last lesson) and Summative Assessment (found on BOCES4Science website) • A Walk in the Park: Scenario Essay • Powering Thru the Fair: Exhibit Hall Performance Task <p><u>5th Grade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deer, Deer Everywhere: Public Service Announcement • Got Water: What's in the Water Performance Task • Toys Matter: Master Materials Engineer "Exam"
NYS Required Investigations	All grade levels have one or more NYS Required Investigation. While these must be scored and saved, how you use these for the trimester grade is flexible – using the rubric provided, based on “correctness” of answers, or based on participation.

Appendix C

Social Studies

Grades 3-6 Categories that should be included in determining numerical grades:

- Unit tests, homework assignments, quizzes, projects
- Participation and attendance should not be used to determine a grade

Grades 3-5

- No grade for 1st Trimester
- Grades for 2nd and 3rd Trimesters only
- There will be no weighting

Grade 6

- Grades for all 3 Trimesters
- Weighting at teacher discretion
- The assessments found in the instructional resource should be used.

Grade 7 (Inquiry Assessment C3-American Revolution)

- May be completed at anytime during the year
- Will appear on 4th quarter report card
- Weighting TBD

Grades 7ACC and 8 (not Accelerated) Projects

- May be administered anytime during the year
- May be used as 1-point toward Seal of Civic Readiness

Must be added to Gradebook in Q4

- Create assignment in Q4, named Capstone Project, category type Project
- Choose the setting for traditional grade calculation, Q4 marking period
- Enter as 20% of Q4 grade, make sure all other assignments, quizzes, tests, etc. add up to 80%

Appendix D

SPANISH

Results of the STAMP 4S will appear on the Grade 8 Report Card. Since the intent of this assessment is for screening and not grading purposes, the following protocol should be followed:

- Enter the score received in the P6 field
- If a score is at or above 2.5, you should round up
- **EXCEPTION:** Since a score of 2 indicates that the student is at expected levels for Spanish 1, a score of less than 2 does not qualify. Therefore, a score of 1.5 should be rounded down.
- Enter a comment:
 - Student is at standard (Use for level 2)
 - Student is above standard (Use for any score greater than 2)
 - Student is below standard (Use for any score below 2)