

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

SEPTEMBER 2024						
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- 5 First Day for Students
- 5-6 **PreK-3 & PreK-4** Screening Window (ASQ Screening)
- 9-20 **i-Ready** Math Diagnostic Window for Grades 1 - 6
- 9-27 **Grades K-8:** AIMSweb Plus Benchmark Assessment Window
- 23 **NWEA** Fall Testing Window Opens Through 10/18/24
Reading Grades K-8 (9 and 10 select teams); Math Grades 7-8;
Algebra and Geometry available
- 23-27 **ELEM: ELA – Grades K-1** Baseline Writing Assessment Window
- 30 **BASC-3 BESS Grades 7-12** Opens Through 10/11/24

OCTOBER 2024						
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- 7-20 **i-Ready** Math Diagnostic Window for Kindergarten
- 11 **BASC-3 BESS Grade 7-12** Window Closes
- 14 **Holiday - No School**
- 15 **ELEM: BASC-3 BESS** for **Grades K-6** Window Opens Through 11/1/24 (K-4 teacher form) (Grades 5 & 6 student form)
- 18 **NWEA** Fall Testing Window Closes
- 28 **Grade 5 Science** Benchmark Assessment #1 Window Opens Through 11/8/24

NOVEMBER 2024						
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- 1 **ELEM: BASC-3 BESS** for **Grades K-6** Window Closes (K-4 teacher form) (Grades 5 & 6 student form)
- 4-15 **Grade 6 Science** Benchmark Assessment #1 Window
- 5 **Superintendent Conference Day – All Levels** (Election Day)
- 8 **Grade 5 Science** Benchmark Assessment #1 Window Closes
- 11 Veterans Day – No School
- 12-22 **Grade 3 Science** Benchmark Assessment #1 Window
- 18 **ELEM: ELA Grades 2-6** Trimester 1 Assessment Window Opens Through 12/6/24 (including makeups)
- 27 No Teachers / No Students / No 10-month Staff
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Break – No School

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DECEMBER 2024						
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- 2-13 **Grade 4 Science** Benchmark Assessment #1 Window
- 6 **ELEM: ELA Grades 2-6** Trimester 1 Assessment Closes (including makeups)
- 9-20 **Grades 7 Science** Benchmark Assessment #1 Window
- 16 **Grade 5 Science** Benchmark Assessment #2 Window Opens Through 1/10/25
- 20 Last Day of Classes before Winter Recess
- 23-31 Winter Recess

JANUARY 2025						
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- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Return from Winter Recess
- 3-19 **NWEA** Winter Testing Window
 - **K-5 ELA** Mandatory
- 6-17 **i-Ready** Math Diagnostic Window for Grades K - 6
- 6-24 **ELEM and PREP: AIMSweb** Plus Benchmark Assessment Window
- 8-17 **Grade 8 Science** Benchmark Assessment Window (Excluding those taking Living Environment)
- 10 **Grade 5 Science** Benchmark Assessment #2 Window Closes
- 17 **Superintendent's Conference Day** - ELEM & PREP
- 20 Dr. M.L. King Jr. Day – No School
- 21-24 **NFHS: Regents** Exams
- 21-31 **Grade 3 Science** Benchmark Assessment #2 Window
- 29 Lunar New Year – No School

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- 3-14 **Grade 4 Science** Benchmark Assessment #2 Window
- 5-6 **Grade 7 Math & 7 ACC** Midterm (In-Class)
- 17 Presidents' Day – No School
- 18 **Superintendent's Conference Day** - NFHS
- 24 **ELEM: CogAT** Testing Window Opens Through 3/7/25
Grade 6 and additional grade(s) TBD by recommendation/request

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- 3-14 **ELEM: ELA Grades 2-6** Trimester 2 Assessment (including makeups)
- 7 **ELEM: CogAT** Testing Window Closes
- 10 **NYSAA: Administration** Window Opens Through 6/6/25
- 10-21 **Grade 7 Science** Benchmark Assessment #2 Window
- 27 **Superintendent Conference Day** – All Levels
- 31 **Grades 3 & 6 Science** Benchmark Assessment #3 Window Opens Through 4/11/25

APRIL 2025						
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- 7 **NYS CBT ELA - Grades 3-8 (Including Makeups), NYS CBT MATH - Grades 3-8 (Including Makeups), NYS CBT SCIENCE - Grades 5 and 8 (Including Makeups),** Window Opens Through 5/16/25
- 7 **Grade 4 Science** Benchmark Assessment #3 Window Opens Through 5/2/25
- 11 **Grades 3 & 6 Science** Benchmark Assessment #3 Window Closes
- 14 **NYSESLAT** Speaking Window Opens Through 5/23/25
- 14 No Teachers/ No Students
- 15-25 Spring Recess – No Teachers/ No Students/ No 10-month staff
- 18 No 12 Month Staff
- 28 Return from Recess

MAY 2025						
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- 2 **Grade 4 Science** Benchmark Assessment #3 Window Closes
- 12-23 **NYSESLAT** Listening, Reading, Writing Window
- 13 **ELEM: BASC-3 BESS for Grades K-6** (select students receiving interventions only)
- 16 **NYS CBT ELA - Grades 3-8 (Including Makeups), NYS CBT MATH - Grades 3-8 (Including Makeups), NYS CBT SCIENCE - Grades 5 and 8 (Including Makeups),** Window closes
- 23 **NYSESLAT** Speaking Window Closes
- 23 No Teachers/ No 10 Month Staff/ No Students
- 26 Memorial Day – No Staff/ No Students
- 27 **i-Ready** Math Diagnostic Window Opens for Grades K – 6 Through 6/18/25
- 27 **NWEA** Spring Testing Window Opens Through 6/18/25
- 27 **STAMP 4S Grade 8 Spanish** Window Opens Through 6/6/25
- 27 **ELEM: ELA Grades 2-6** Trimester 3 Assessment Opens Through 6/6/25 (including makeups)

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JUNE 2025						
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- 2-20 **Grades K-8: AIMSweb Plus Benchmark Assessment**
- 6 **NYSAA: Administration Window Closes**
- 6 **ELEM: ELA Grades 2-6 Trimester 3 Assessment Window Closes**
- 6 **STAMP 4S Grade 8 Spanish Window Closes**
- 9-13 **ELEM: ELA – Grades K-1 Summative Writing Assessment**
- 10-11 Regents Exams
- 11-20 **Grades 3, 4, & 6 Science Benchmark Assessment #4 Window**
- 11-20 **Grade 7 Science Benchmark Assessment #3 Window**
- 17-24 Regents Exams
- 18 **i-Ready Math Diagnostic Window Closes**
- 18 **NWEA Spring Testing Window Closes**
- 18 **Grade 7 Math & 7 ACC Final Exam**
- 19 Juneteenth Observance – No School
- 25 **ELEM & PREP: Last Day for Students**
- 26 **Rating Day – Last Day for Teachers**

Appendix A

ELA

Foundations: All Unit tests to be administered

ELA – Wonders (Teachers Not Trained in Literacy Footprints)

- Grades K-5 -Refer to teacher checklists

Literacy Footprint Teachers Only (Grades K-4)

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

All ELA Grades 2-6 administer T1, T2, and T3 assessments

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.

**2024-25 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"> • All Grade 3 – 6 Science Benchmark Assessments will count as 10% of the trimester in which it is administered. If two Benchmark Assessments fall within the same trimester, average the two grades together to calculate one grade which will count as 10% of that trimester grade.
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) ○ 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)

Appendix E

MATH

Grades K – 6 all unit tests to be administered. (See grade level assessment matrix for specific guidance.)

Portfolio: K – 6 (See Elementary Portfolio Coversheets for specific grade level guidance)

- **K – 1**
 - 3 Math in Action
 - Number Writing
 - Counting (K only)
- **2 – 6**
 - 3 Math in Action