Dear WMS Families,

The New York State English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Assessments will be administered to all middle school students on the following dates:

WMS Testing Schedule	Exam Dates	Make-Up Dates
NYS ELA EXAM Grades 7-8	April 11- 12	April 13, 16, 17
NYS ELA EXAM Grade 6-Computer Based Test	April 16 - 17	April 18, 19, 20
NYS MATH EXAM Grades 6-8	May 2 - 3	May 4, 7, 8

On all testing days, upon arrival to school, students should place their belongings in their lockers and report directly to their assigned rooms with two sharpened #2 pencils, with the exception of sixth grade students who are taking the computer based ELA assessment. Testing will begin at 7:45 am. It is essential that students are punctual during days in which these exams are administered. Room assignments will be reviewed with students by their English, math and homeroom teachers the day prior to each exam.

The New York State ELA and Mathematics Assessments are designed to measure student achievement of the content, concepts, and skills in the English Language Arts and Math Curriculum. The number of test sessions for ELA and Mathematics Tests has been reduced from three to two. This means that students will take each subject test over two testing days instead of three. Once again students will have unlimited time to take the exam. On average, students will need 80-90 minutes to complete each test session. For the ELA exam, students will respond to literary and informational passages, multiple-choice and short and extended-response questions. For the mathematics exam, students will respond to multiple-choice and short and extended-response questions.

You can best prepare your child by ensuring that they are relaxed, have a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast and a prompt arrival at school. You can reassure them that these tests are just one of many measures of how well they are doing in school.

If you would like additional information regarding the assessments, please see parent link below from the NYS Education Department.

Parents' Frequently Asked Questions