

# TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Tonawanda Middle School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Remote Warriors,

New York State has applied for a waiver from the federal government to have the 3-8 assessments cancelled. If the federal government doesn't approve the waiver, we will be required to administer the 3-8 assessments.

In an effort to focus on the physical and mental health of New York State's children and adults in schools, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) made adjustments to the administering of the 3-8 assessments. The following guidelines affects your remote warrior son/daughter:

- Schools are not expected to bring students into the building to participate in the tests if the students are receiving entirely remote instruction during the testing windows. However, to assist in scheduling, NYSED suggests that schools consider contacting parents of students receiving entirely remote instruction to advise them of the testing schedule and ascertain the parent's interest in having their child come to school to participate in the test.*

In order to assist you in making an informed decision, be aware that the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has made the additional adjustments to how the 3-8 assessments can be administered for the 2020-21 school year. In order to provide a fair and equitable assessment, the following changes were put in place:

- Only Session One of the grades 3-8 assessments in Math and ELA will be required, a shift from the standard practice where these assessments are administered in two sessions
- Only the written test component of the Grades 4 and 8 Science assessments will be held; the performance assessments will not be administered

In light of these changes and in order to administer the assessments to accommodate all students, the assessments will be given on the following dates:

### **Assessment Dates:**

#### **Middle School**

Test	Testing Dates
English Language Arts	Tuesday, April 20
English Language Arts	Thursday, April 22
Math	Tuesday, May 4

Math	Thursday, May 6
Science (8th Grade Only)	Monday, June 7
Science (8th Grade Only)	Tuesday, June 8

**Fletcher Elementary**

<b>Test</b>	<b>Testing Dates</b>
English Language Arts	Friday, April 16
English Language Arts	Monday, April 19
Math	Friday, May 7
Math	Monday, May 10
Science (4th Grade Only)	Monday, June 7
Science (4th Grade Only)	Tuesday, June 8

**Riverview and Mullen Elementary**

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English Language Arts	Tuesday, April 20
English Language Arts	Thursday, April 22
Math	Tuesday, May 4
Math	Thursday, May 6
Science (4th Grade)	Monday, June 7
Science (4th Grade)	Tuesday, June 8

Tonawanda City School District values the role that multiple assessment measures play in informing quality instruction. The New York State Assessments are one way the district is able to determine student understanding of grade level expectations and standards, and serves as a tool to help us evaluate the rigor and validity of our programs and curriculum.

This year the results of these assessments will not be used to evaluate teachers, administrators or schools. Additionally, the results of the assessments will be one valuable indicator for our district to determine areas to focus on and develop instructional targets to address any gaps resulting from our pandemic instructional programming over the past year.

With these new guidelines, Remote Warrior families have the option of having their son/daughter take the 3-8 assessments. In order to properly schedule these exams, we will need to know the number of remote students who will be attending.

**If you *would* like to schedule your son/daughter to attend school to take these assessments, please call or email your child's building principal by Monday, April 12th.**

Sincerely,



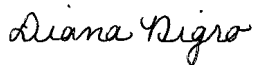
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