

# Miller Place Union Free School District

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Re: Student Participation in 2019 Elementary- and Intermediate-level State Assessments

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year the dates for the administration of the New York State grades 3 through 8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Math assessments are April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively.

The purpose of this letter is to provide parents and guardians with a summary of Federal and state requirements, policies, and other important information regarding student participation in the New York State elementary- and intermediate-level state assessments. This same information was also discussed at the Miller Place School District Board of Education business meeting on March 27, 2019.

The following documents are provided as hyperlinks within this letter for your easy reference and are also posted on the Miller Place School District website.

For more information regarding communication from the New York State Education Department with District Superintendents:

1. [Memo from New York State Department of Education Commissioner Elia, March 2019: Communication with Parent Regarding student Participation in Elementary- and Intermediate-level State Assessments](#)
2. [2019 Annual Assessment Talking Points](#)
3. [Memo from New York State Department of Education Associate Commissioner, Ira Schwartz, March 2019: Participation Rate Status Report](#)
4. [Participation Rate Improvement Plan Status Report Guide 2018-19](#)

For more information about student participation in state-wide assessments:

5. [The 2019 Grades 3-8 New York State Assessments: What Parents Need to Know](#)
6. [Parents' Frequently Asked Questions About New York State's Annual Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests](#)
7. [Presentation: The State Assessments: What Parents Need to Know](#)
8. [Things Every Parent Should Know About Student Participation in Statewide Assessments Under ESSA](#)
9. [Additional Information for Stakeholders About Student Participation in Statewide Assessments Under ESSA](#)

For more information about *The Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) accountability:

10. [ESSA Informational Video](#)
11. [Parent Dashboard: Information for Parents](#)
12. [Parent Dashboard: Information for Districts](#)
13. [ESSA Fact Sheet for Parents](#)
14. [ESSA Fact Sheet for Educators](#)
15. [ESSA Fact Sheet for School Board Members](#)
16. [Accountability Fact Sheet for Parents](#)
17. [Accountability Fact Sheet for Teachers](#)

Please feel free to contact the New York State Education Department Office of Assessment at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/> or the New York State Education Department Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) website at <http://www.nysed.gov/essa> for more information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano  
Superintendent of Schools