



# Pearl River School District

PEARL RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**"Striving, Believing, Achieving, Succeeding"**

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Dear Middle School Families:

As you may be aware, each year all students in third through eighth grades participate in NYS assessments. The New York State Education Department has revised the testing requirement for this year, reducing the time and content required. The Math and ELA assessments will be administered in-person only and only Part 1 will be administered.

Our schedule for this year's English Language Arts and Mathematics tests is as follows:

Subject	Testing Date	Make- up Dates
ELA -Grades 5, 6, 7	Thursday, April 22	Tuesday, April 27; Wednesday, April 28
Math -Grades 5, 6, 7	Wednesday, May 5	Tuesday, May 11; Wednesday, May 12

These assessments are an opportunity for children to demonstrate what they know utilizing a variety of strategies and tasks. The children have been prepared well through curriculum and instruction. The assessments, along with other classroom and district performance measures, provide valuable information regarding children's learning strengths and needs.

Your effort in preparing your children has been in the form of sending them to school well-nourished and rested each day and supporting their learning at home. While you will need to do nothing different for the days of the assessments, presenting a positive attitude and confidence in your child's ability would surely be beneficial.

We ask that you avoid scheduling appointments or other planned absences on testing days. If your child is not well, however, he/she should stay home and participate on the make-up day.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Maria A. Paese



U.S. Department of Education – Pearl River Middle School – 2011 Blue Ribbon Winner  
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