

# Tri-Valley Elementary School

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## New York State Computer Based Testing Simulation

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Grades 5 & 6 Students,

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. In the upcoming year of 2020, all students in New York State in grades 3-8 will be taking their New York State English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics tests on computers; there will be no more paper based tests. This form of testing is commonly being referred to as Computer Based Testing (CBT). To best prepare our students and staff, some grades will participate in online assessments during this year's testing season.

Our students in grades 5 & 6 will be completing their New York State Tests on Chromebook computers. Specifically, students in grade 5 will complete their English Language Arts (ELA) exams on computers and grade 6 students will complete both the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics tests on computers. In preparation, students have been engaging in keyboarding tasks, online question samples and more to develop the necessary skills and knowledge to be successful in this style of testing.

On Tuesday, February 26th students in grades 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a simulation, or practice test. This practice task will not only allow us to resolve any technological issues that may occur, but also give students the chance to practice their learned techniques without it counting against them. To be clear, this simulation will not be graded, no score reports will be issued. This is simply an opportunity to practice. The actual New York State ELA and Math assessments will be administered in April and more information will be forthcoming about these.

I highly encourage students to participate in this simulation so they can experience this version of testing and eliminate any nervousness they may feel. As for any test, I recommend practicing good test taking habits. Students should get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast at home or in the cafeteria at school and arrive to school on time.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding New York State testing and/or CBT testing, feel free to contact my office.

Thank you,

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