



EASTPORT Elementary School

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Dear Eastport Elementary Families:

This spring, students in grades 3–8 will take the English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments. Additionally, students in grades 5 and 8 will participate in the Science assessments, all of which are aligned with the New York State Next Generation Learning Standards.

As we did last year, our students will again be using their Chromebook for these annual assessments.

Because we are a school participating in [Computer Based Testing \(CBT\)](#), we are required to participate in a CBT Statewide Simulation. The purpose of this is to ensure that the technology infrastructure at both the district and state level are working properly.

This simulation will permit our teachers and administrators to ensure that all components of the network system are working in support of our students.

Administration of the CBT simulation at Eastport Elementary will take place on February 6, 2026. All grades will conduct the simulation in the subject area of math.

Since this is a simulation of our technology capacity, students do not need to take both the ELA and Math assessment. This simulation is exclusively for the evaluation of our school's technology infrastructure.

During the simulation, students will sign into the assessment portal and explore the state assessment site. This is not an actual assessment, and no evaluative data will be recorded. The entire simulation is expected to take less than 20 minutes. The purpose of this simulation is solely to assess the functionality of our technology systems in each building.

Throughout the year, our students and teachers have been dedicated to mastering grade-level standards. We look forward to the spring administration of the NY State Assessments in grades 3-8 to affirm their hard work and commitment.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Mr. John DeKams
Principal
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