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For any grade level a school is testing with CBT, all students in that grade level must test by CBT. The only exceptions are for those students who must test on paper according to their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Accommodation Plan (504 Plan), and for the mathematics and science tests only, for those students who require an alternate-language edition of the test or an oral translation for a lower-incidence language These students should test on the same days as their CBT grade classmates. In addition, paper-based testing will remain available to religious and independent schools, who do not make use of technology in the classroom because of religious beliefs (please see page 4 for additional information).

All alternate language editions of the mathematics and science tests, as well as large-pront dnd ()0.5 2.6 (onsj -

STAND-ALONE FIELD TESTS

Most schools will be selected for one ELA or Mathematics Stand-alone Field Test (SAFT) in 2025. As the Grades 3-8 field tests are now administered only via computer, schools will no longer be required to select their preferred stand-alone field test format when requesting exams. The Office of State Assessment will assign selected schools a specific grade and content area to field test to ensure that the needed representative sampling of New York State students is achieved. It is not possible for schools to select a grade or content area for stand-alone field testing. Schools will be notified of their field test assignment in the spring. The <u>field test assignments</u> will also be posted on the Office of State Assessment's website in the spring.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding the requesting of the Grades 3–8 ELA and Mathematics Tests or the Grades 5 & 8 Science Tests, please contact the Operations Group at 518-474-8220 or via email to <u>examrequest@nysed.gov</u>.

For questions regarding CBT, please email <u>cbtsupport@nysed.gov</u> for assistance.

For other questions regarding State assessments, please contact OSA at 518-474-5902 or via email to <u>emscassessinfo@nysed.gov</u>.

Online requests for the Grades 3–8 ELA and Mathematics Tests and the Grades 5 & 8 Science Tests must be submitted by **November 8, 2024**. After November 8, 2024, please contact NWEA via email to <u>NYTesting@nwea.org</u> for assistance.