



# What's new for NY's Grade 3-8 Tests?

*Over the last few years, key changes have improved the English Language Arts and math tests in New York State*



## Teachers write the tests

In 2018, New York State educators are writing and reviewing the test questions for the 3-8 exams to ensure they are aligned to the state standards and local curricula.



## Reduction In Testing Time

This year New York will only have two days of testing per subject-- down from three days last year-- which will also mean a reduction in the amount of time students spend taking the tests.

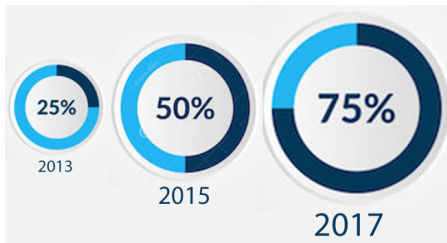
## Untimed Tests = Less Stress

Last year, the state removed testing time limits to reduce stress on students. They have also improved testing accommodations for special education students.



## Computer Based Testing

New York has been increasing the number of students with a goal for all test computer based by 2020. This is critical to help parents and teachers get the test results much faster.



## Releasing Test Questions

To increase transparency into the tests, the state has released more of the

questions on the tests— from 25% of questions in 2013 to 50% in 2015 to 75% in 2017.



## Higher Proficiency; Lower Opt outs

Since the shift to higher standards, proficiency has increased by 8% in ELA and

9% in math. Meanwhile, test participation increased to over 80% last year.