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Sponsored Science Programs

- Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
- New York State Science Olympiad
- National Youth Science Camp
- Appalachian Regional Commission/Oak Ridge National Laboratory Summer Opportunity for Students and Teachers
Communication

- Bi-monthly Conference Calls
- Bi-monthly Face-to-Face Discussions
- Science Matters (BaP)
  - [http://bap.nsta.org/](http://bap.nsta.org/)
- RSS Feed
- Web Postings
Funding Opportunities

- P-12 - http://www.p12.nysed.gov/funding/home.html
Current Initiatives

- Survey
- Strategic plan
New York State Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science Test

- The written test format consists of:
  - Part A - multiple choice
  - Part B - multiple choice and constructed-response
  - Part C - constructed-response and extended constructed-response

- The performance test consists of:
  - On-demand tasks at three stations
    - Measuring Objects and Liquids, Electrical and Magnetic Testing, Ball and Ramp

- 2014 Administration dates:
  - Performance Test – Wednesday, May 21 – Friday, May 30
  - Written Test – Monday, June 2 (June 3 & 4 make-up dates)

- Information link:
New York State Grade 8
Intermediate-Level Science Test

- The written test format consists of:
  - Part A - multiple choice
  - Part B - multiple choice and constructed-response
  - Part C - constructed-response and extended constructed-response

- The performance test consists of:
  - On-demand tasks at three stations
    - Sorting Creatures, Ramp and Golf Ball, Woods and Water

- 2013 Administration dates:
  - Performance Test – Wednesday, May 21 – Friday, May 30
  - Written Test – Monday, June 2 (June 3 & 4 make-up dates)

- Information link:
The Regents Examination consists of:
- Part A - multiple choice
- Part B - multiple choice and constructed-response
- Part C - constructed-response and extended constructed-response
- Part D - multiple choice, constructed-response, and extended constructed-response (based on the four required laboratory activities)

The four required laboratory activities
- Relationships and Biodiversity
- Making Connections
- The Beaks of Finches
- Diffusion Through a Membrane

Information pertaining to this may be found at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/mst/sci/partd.html
Physical Setting/Earth Science

- The written portion of the Regents Examination consists of:
  - Part A - multiple choice
  - Part B - multiple choice and constructed-response
  - Part C - constructed-response and extended constructed-response
- The first administration of the new version of the Physical Setting/Earth Science Performance Test (Part D) occurred in June 2008.
Physical Setting/Chemistry
Physical Setting/Physics

- Regents Examination consists of:
  - Part A – multiple choice
  - Part B – multiple choice and constructed-response
  - Part C – constructed-response and extended constructed-response
Scoring State Exams

- October 2011 - Board of Regents approved a new scoring policy which goes into effect in the 2012 – 2013 school year prohibiting teachers from scoring their own students' exams.


- Questions/comments emailed to emscassessinfo@mail.nysed.gov
Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

- All students are prohibited from bringing cell phones and certain other electronic devices into a classroom or other location where a New York State assessment is being administered.