

January 15, 2024

Dear Link Grade 3-5 Parents/Guardians:

The NYS Department of Education (NYSED) is transitioning to computer-based testing in order to meet the needs of 21st century learners and improve test delivery, test integrity, scoring validity, and turn-around time of testing results. Last year, our grade 5 students did use the computer based testing platform, and now the district will implement computer-based testing for all students grades 3-8 for ELA, math, and science assessments (science is for grades 5 and 8 only).

NYSED requires District participation in a brief test simulation to evaluate our technology and network readiness for administering computer-based testing. Students in grades 3- 8 will be completing 10 practice questions in math or science through the computer-based testing software on January 17. Please be advised that this simulation is not scored, and is not tied to student grades or any other measure, it is simply to help us assess our readiness for computer-based testing.

Please be sure your child's device is fully charged and that he/she brings it to school on Wednesday, January 17.

For more information on computer-based testing from the NYSED, please visit their [website](#).

Sincerely,
Mary Bish, Principal