

The New York State English Language Arts Test

Information Sheet

2002 Dates February 4th through 6th (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Test Times
Day 1: approximately 45 minutes
Day 2: approximately 1 hour
Day 3: approximately 1 hour

Test Format

Day 1: Reading/ Multiple Choice

- ? 3-5 Reading Pasages
- ? total of about 30 questions
- ? all multiple choice

Day 2: Listening and Writing

- ? listen to a text read twice by the teacher
- ? take notes on the text
- ? write some short answers and short essays **about the text**
- ? write one long essay **about the text**
- ? write one long independent piece

Day 3: Reading and Writing

- ? Read 2 different texts about a similar topic
- ? write some short answers and short essays about each text
- ? write a long essay **about both texts**

Test Scoring:

<i>Student Score</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Promotion Policy*</i>
4	Excellent, above standards	Promotion
3	Good, meets standards	Promotion
2	Below standards	Summer school recommended, promotion in doubt
1	Unsatisfactory	Mandatory summer school, must re-take test

*May differ according to school or district policy.