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TO: GMP-I & II Students Taking the NYS Math Assessment & Their Parents
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In April, students in 7th grade and below will be taking the grade level NYS Math Assessment at their home school. Tests are scheduled for April 30-May 2. We have sent out reminders to schools to include our students in this testing. You may want to call your school to remind them as well, especially if your school does not regularly have students in GMP. You might also ask what materials they will provide and which ones your child should bring.

The score they earn will be based on a scale of 1 through 4, with 4 as the highest score. Students who earn a score of 1 or 2 **MUST** take remedial math classes. Almost all of our GMP students who have taken the assessments in past years have earned a score of 4, very few earned a score of 3, and we know of **NO ONE** who earned a score of 1 or 2. **We want your child to take this test seriously.**

This is our second year working with the new and significantly different assessment based on the Common Core Standards. We have made adjustments to our curriculum in order to include all new topics. For more information about the new Common Core, see: <http://engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources>.

In previous years, we were able to point parents and students to prior year assessments for practice. The state has provided parts of last year's test at <http://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-common-core-sample-questions>

GRADE 6 and 7:

The test will be given over three days. The breakdown of the questions is in the table below.

DAY 1	Book 1	multiple choice	No calculator	80 minutes
DAY 2	Book 2	multiple choice	Yes, use your calculator	80 minutes
DAY 3	Book 3	short and extended response	Yes, use your calculator	90 minutes

You will need a protractor, ruler, and scientific calculator. (Your school might provide these.)

Students are permitted to read a book silently after they finish (at school discretion), but are not permitted to do other homework.

If you have any questions, please ask the instructors or call the GMP office. Thank you!