

Dear Parents/ Guardians:

The Coxsackie-Athens Central School District, along with all other districts in New York State, recently received a memo from David Abrams, Assistant Commissioner Office of Standards Assessment and Reporting. This memo informed us that **all** students 3-8 will be required to take a field test (a preliminary version of a test, administered in order to gather data about the test questions). This field test will be 50 minutes in length with an ELA section followed by a mathematics section. Coxsackie-Athens will be administering this field test on May 12th at Edward J Arthur Elementary for both 3rd and 4th Grade. Coxsackie Elementary 3rd graders will take the test May 12th, and the 4th grade will take it May 13th. The middle school will be taking the test the end of the day on May 14th.

A field test is not the same as the state assessments. School districts and parents do not receive results. The test is **not** done to see student progress instead a field test is used to test/analyze test questions. Please impart this information to your child so as to reduce any test anxiety they might have. In the past Coxsackie-Athens has field tested in certain grade levels and content areas but this will be the first comprehensive field test done with all grade levels.

If you have any question please feel free to contact me at 731-1778.

Thank you,

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