

2011 Grades 3-8 State ELA and Math Test Results

Frequently Asked Questions

New York State recently released the results of the annual grades 3-8 math and English language arts (ELA) tests for the 2010-11 school year. By August 17, you will be able to see your child's results in ARIS Parent Link (arisparentlink.org). Below are answers to some frequently asked questions about the New York State tests, accessing your child's test results, and ARIS Parent Link.

Please call 311 or contact the parent coordinator at your child's school once the school year begins with any additional questions. Parents of students in New York City charter schools should contact their child's charter school with any questions and learn how they can access their child's results.

Grades 3-8 New York State ELA and Math Tests

When were the spring 2011 New York State ELA and math tests given?

Students in grades 6-8 took the English Language Arts (ELA) test on May 3-4, 2011; students in grades 3-5 took the ELA test on May 3-5, 2011. All students in grades 3-8 took the math test on May 11-12, 2011.

Did my child take the 2011 New York State ELA and math tests?

All New York State public school students in grades 3-8 take yearly New York State tests in English language arts (ELA) and math to assess their mastery of the [New York State Learning Standards](#). English Language Learners who have been in the United States for less than one year are not required to take the New York State ELA test. Students in grades 3-8 who take the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) do not take New York State math and ELA tests.

How can I receive my child's test results?

You will be able to view final New York State test results in ARIS Parent Link (<http://arisparentlink.org>) by August 17. Schools will also distribute printed reports to all families with these results in the fall.

Will my child's State test result change his or her promotion decision?

All students who were promoted in June will remain promoted, even if their State test results indicate Level 1 performance. Schools will receive lists of these students in early September in order to provide them with additional support at the start of the new school year.

Where can I find information about how New York City students performed on the New York State test?

Citywide New York State test results can be found at the following website:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/data/TestResults/ELAandMathTestResults>. Information about how students in each New York City school performed on the New York State tests will also be posted.

Will my child's test results affect admissions decisions for middle school or high school?

NY State Test score may affect admissions decisions depending on the school's admissions requirements. Admissions requirements vary by school. For more information regarding school admissions and school choice, please see the following websites:

- Middle school enrollment:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Middle/default.htm>
- High school enrollment: <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/default.htm>

Where can I find additional information about the grades 3-8 New York State test and promotion?

You can find additional information about promotion and the New York State tests here:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/OFEA/State+Test+Flier.htm>

Who can I contact with any additional questions?

During the school year, you should reach out to your school's parent coordinator with any questions. Over the summer, please call 311 for any additional information.

Accessing Student Test Results**How can I view my child's test results?**

Beginning on Wednesday, August 17, you can access your child's test results in ARIS Parent Link. If you already have an account, go to arisparentlink.org to log in and view your child's test results.

What if I don't know my ARIS Parent Link account information? Where can I get the username and password for my child's account over the summer?

Between **Monday, August 22** and **Saturday, August 27** you can visit an ARIS Parent Link Access station at select NYC libraries if you need your username and password. To request your

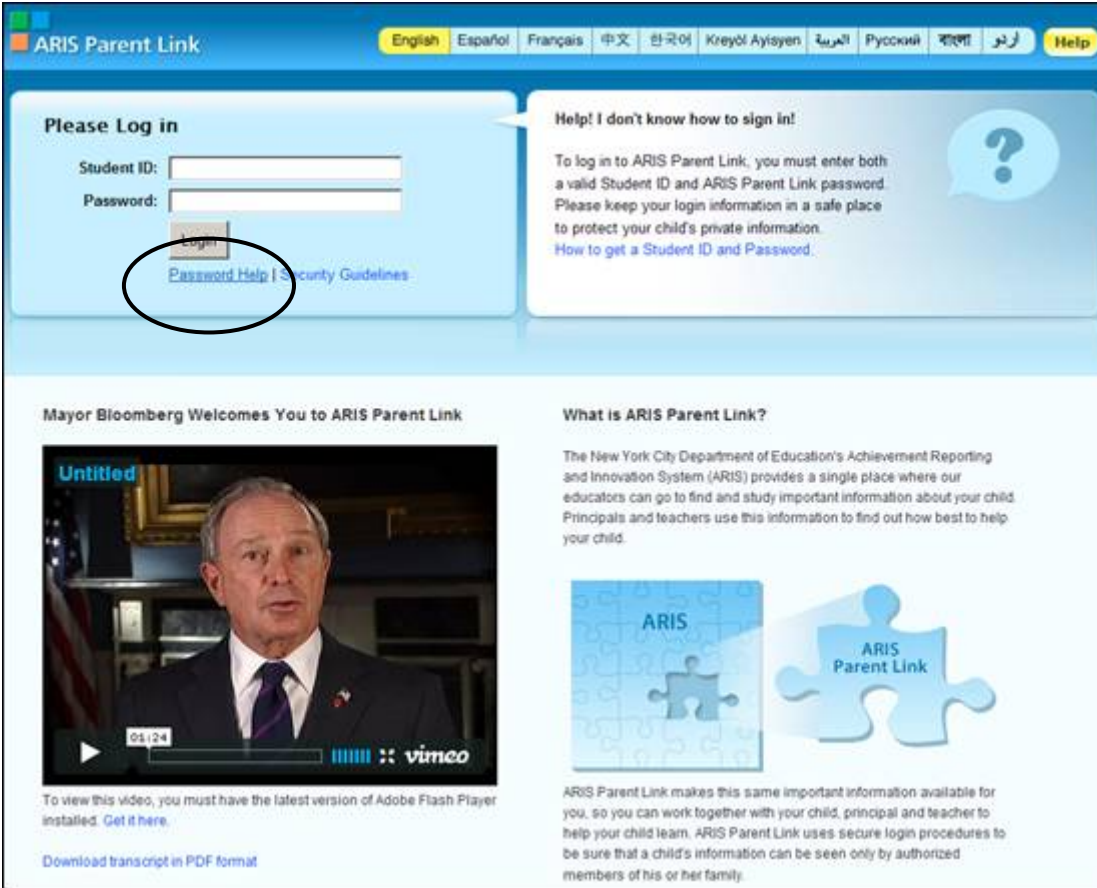
username and password, you must bring a government-issued photo ID. Only authorized parents will be able to get their child's username and password at that time. The full schedule for outreach is listed below. *Interpretation services will be available at each location.* You can also download a flier with dates and locations here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/resources/aris/default.htm>.

Summer 2011 ARIS Parent Link Access Stations

| Date | Time | Borough | Location | Phone |
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| Monday, August 22 | 11 AM to 8 PM | Queens | Central Library 89-11 Merrick Boulevard Jamaica, NY 11432 | (718) 990-0700 |
| Monday, August 22 | 11 AM to 8 PM | Queens | Flushing Library 41-17 Main Street Flushing, NY 11355 | (718) 661-1200 |
| Tuesday, August 23 | 11 AM to 8 PM | Brooklyn | Brooklyn Public Library Central Library 10 Grand Army Plaza Brooklyn, NY 11226 | (718) 230-2100 |
| Wednesday, August 24 | 11 AM to 8 PM | Manhattan | Countee Cullen Library 104 West 136th Street (near Lenox Ave.) New York, NY 10030 | (212) 491-2070 |
| Thursday, August 25 | 11 AM to 8 PM | Bronx | Parkchester Library 1985 Westchester Avenue (at Pugsley Ave.) Bronx, NY 10462 | (718) 829-7830 |
| Friday, August 26, 2011 | 10 AM to 5 PM | Staten Island | New Dorp Library 309 New Dorp Lane Staten Island, NY 10306 | (718) 351-2977 |
| Saturday, August 27 | 10 AM to 1 PM | Manhattan | Muhlenberg Library 209 West 23rd Street (near Seventh Ave.) New York, NY 10011 | (212) 924-1585 |
| Saturday, August 27 | 10 AM to 1 PM | Brooklyn | Brooklyn Public Library Central Library 10 Grand Army Plaza Brooklyn, NY 11226 | (718) 230-2100 |

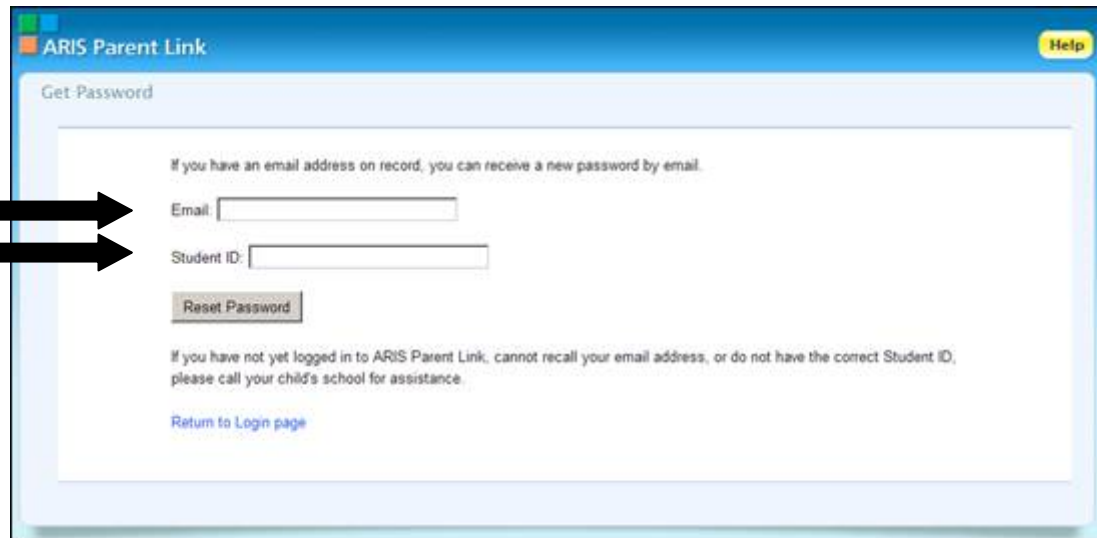
What if I forgot my password? How can I reset it or get a new one?

1. Go to ARISParentLink.org
2. Click on **password help**.



The screenshot shows the ARIS Parent Link website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site name and a language menu including English, Español, Français, 中文, 한국어, Kreyòl Ayisyen, العربية, Русский, বাংলা, and اردو. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Please Log in" and contains input fields for "Student ID:" and "Password:", a "Login" button, and links for "Password Help" and "Security Guidelines". The "Password Help" link is circled in black. The right column features a help bubble titled "Help! I don't know how to sign in!" with a question mark icon and text explaining the login requirements and providing a link for "How to get a Student ID and Password". Below the login section, there is a video player titled "Mayor Bloomberg Welcomes You to ARIS Parent Link" and a section titled "What is ARIS Parent Link?" which explains the system's purpose and includes a graphic of puzzle pieces labeled "ARIS" and "ARIS Parent Link".

3. Enter your email address and your child's Student ID number.



4. Check your email to retrieve your password.
5. Go to ARISParentLink.org to log in to your account.

What information about my child’s test results is available in ARIS Parent Link?

In ARIS Parent Link you will find the following information about your students’ test scores:

SCALE SCORE: This is your child's score on the New York State English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies tests. Scale scores determine your child's Performance Level.

PERFORMANCE LEVEL: The Performance Level shows whether or not your child meets or exceeds New York State Learning Standards for English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.



Level 1: not meeting State Learning Standards



Level 2: partially meeting State Learning Standards



Level 3: meeting State Learning Standards



Level 4: exceeding State Learning Standards

PROFICIENCY RATING: The Proficiency Rating represents in greater detail how your child scored from 1 (low) to 4 (high). For example, 2.90 means that a student scored within Performance Level 2, but close to Performance Level 3. A rating of 3.50 means a student scored within Proficiency Level 3 and about half way to Proficiency Level 4.

What do the "score" and "range" mean in terms of my child's performance level?

Within each test, information is provided on how well your child performed on each of the content strands. The "score" (Standards Performance Index - SPI) is an estimate of how many questions (out of 100), your child would answer correctly on each strand. A student scoring within the "range" demonstrates the expected understanding of the particular strand. Since these strands describe what your child should know and be able to do at this grade level, teachers can use the SPI scores to better understand how your child is performing.

Where can I find my child's 2011 NYS test results within ARIS Parent Link?

Right now, you can view your child's 2010 NYS ELA and math results. Starting August 17, you can take the follow steps to see your child's 2011 NYS ELA and math results:

1. Log in with your child's OSIS ID and your password at ArisParentLink.org.

Please Log in

Student ID:

Password:

Login

[Password Help](#) | [Security Guidelines](#)

2. After you have logged in, click on the 'Student Profile' button on the top right.



3. Once you are in the Student Profile, click on 'Assessment' in the Summary section. You will see your child's performance level on the 2011 NYS ELA and math tests.

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| <u>Assessment</u> |
| Current Classes |
| Contact Info. |
| Admin Details |
| MS Transcript |
| Assessment Detail |
| Attendance Detail |
| ELL Data |

4. Click on **'Assessment Detail'** to see more information about your child's performance, including 2011 NYS ELA and math strand level results.

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| Performance Series Online |
| E-PAL |
| ECLAS-2 |
| Attendance Detail |
| ELL Data |

What other information is available in ARIS Parent Link?

New information is updated in ARIS Parent Link throughout the school year and summer:

- Attendance: Updated weekly during the school year

- Tests: Updated after the test is scored and recorded by the city and/or state (Note, there will be a gap between the date your child takes the test and when you can see the information in ARIS Parent Link)
- Grades: School year grades are available at the end of each term for middle and high school students. Summer school grades will not appear in ARIS Parent Link.
- Class schedule and teacher assignments: after the first day of school
- Quality Review, Progress Report, State Report Card, School Survey: updated as available

You can also see when specific information was last updated at the bottom of each section of data in ARIS Parent Link.

Is summer school information available in ARIS Parent Link?

At this time, summer school attendance, class assignments, and grades are not available in ARIS Parent Link. You can get this information from your child's school.

Additional Information about ARIS Parent Link

What is ARIS Parent Link (arisparentlink.org)?

ARIS Parent Link is a free online tool that provides parents with information about their child's academic progress and school performance. It provides the same information educators have about each student all in one place. ARIS Parent Link is translated into Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu. ARIS Parent Link includes up-to-date information on:

- Attendance
- Transcripts (middle and high school)
- State Test Results
- Periodic Assessment Results
- School-Wide Reports

Do all students have records in ARIS Parent Link?

All students who currently attend a school operated by the New York City Department of Education have records available through ARIS Parent Link. Students who attend a charter school, private school, school outside of NYC or have already graduated do not have records available through ARIS Parent Link.

What do I need to log in to ARIS Parent Link?

- Your child's OSIS ID (available from your child's school or on report cards)
- Your temporary password (available from your child's school)
- Internet access to connect to www.arisparentlink.org
- An email address (you can register for a free account through gmail.com, hotmail.com or yahoo.com)

How can I get help with ARIS Parent Link?

NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION • 52 CHAMBERS STREET • NEW YORK, NY 10007
<http://schools.nyc.gov>

If you have questions about ARIS Parent Link, please contact the parent coordinator at your child's school. Parent coordinators can answer questions such as:

- How can I get access to a computer and an e-mail address?
- How can I get a username/password?
- How can I reset my password/email address?
- Whom do I contact for more information on what I am seeing?
- Where can I go for assistance in helping my child achieve?

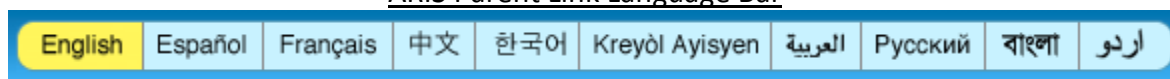
My child's school does not have a parent coordinator. Who can help me with ARIS Parent Link?

All schools have an ARIS Parent Link administrator to manage parent accounts and answer your questions. If your child's school does not have a parent coordinator, ask the main office to refer you to the ARIS Parent Link administrator.

Can I access my child's information on ARIS Parent Link in a language other than English?

Yes, the site is fully translated into Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu.

ARIS Parent Link Language Bar



Click your selected language at the top of the ARIS Parent Link log in page at arisparentlink.org (see image above for sample.) After you click on your language, enter your log in information. Most of the information in ARIS Parent Link will appear in the language you selected.

Can I view ARIS Parent Link in more than one language at once?

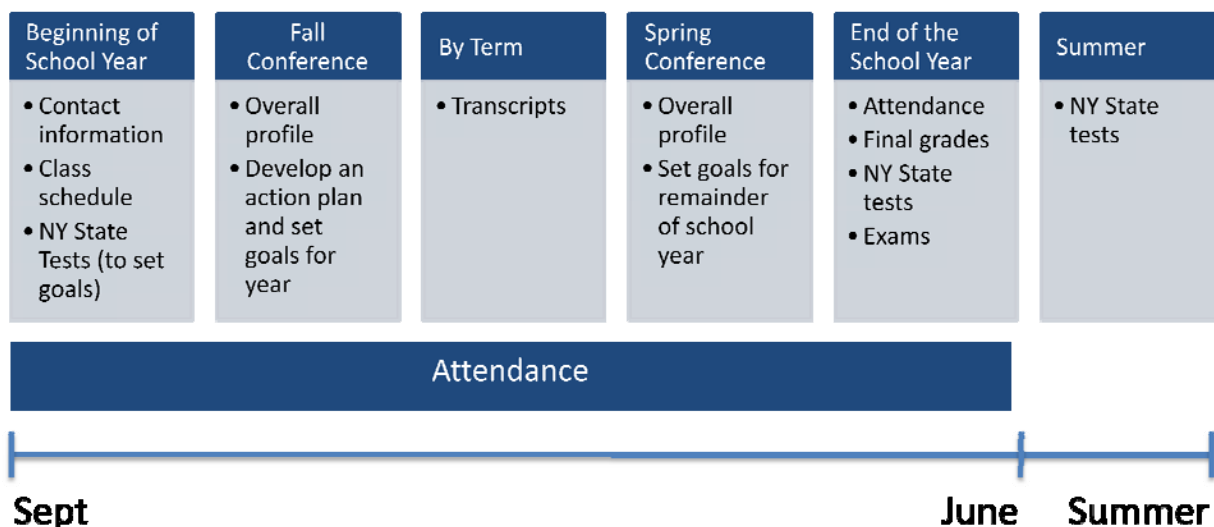
You can only view ARIS Parent Link in one language at a time. You select the language you prefer before you log in to ARIS Parent Link. If you want to change languages, log out, select a different language, and log back in.

When can I access ARIS Parent Link?

ARIS Parent Link is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The site will occasionally be down for scheduled maintenance.

How often should I check ARIS Parent Link?

ARIS Parent Link is a great way to check your child's attendance on a weekly basis, grades at the end of each term and state test scores after they are released. The chart below provides some guidance on times of year you may want to log in to ARIS Parent Link, but feel free to log in as often as you see fit.



What do I do if I believe information about my child is not correct in ARIS Parent Link?

Changes to your child's record must be made through your child's school. If you believe the information in ARIS Parent Link is not correct, inform your child's parent coordinator or the main office personnel. It usually takes about one week for the system to update your information.

I only have one username and password to access my child's account. How can another parent/guardian access ARIS Parent Link?

For security reasons, each child's account has only one username and password. If more than one parent or guardian would like to access the account, you will need to share the username and password. You may consider creating a unique password and email address only for ARIS Parent Link and other academic information.

I have more than one student in a school operated by the New York City Department of Education. How do I access each child's information?

A unique ARIS Parent Link account is created for each child in the New York City public school system. You will receive separate log in information from each child's school. To ensure security of your child's information, families need to log in separately to view each child's information.

Is it appropriate for my children to have access to their information in ARIS Parent Link?

ARIS Parent Link is a website intended to provide parents and guardians with on demand access to your child's records. As children get older, it can be motivating for them to see their information. One of the goals of ARIS Parent Link is to strengthen students' educational aspirations. You could invite your child to view ARIS Parent Link with you to begin a conversation about their academic performance and goals.

Can I use ARIS Parent Link as my child's official school record?

Only your child's school can provide an official record. Although ARIS Parent Link has most of the same information, additional tests and coursework may not appear online. You can request your child's official school record from their school.

Will my child's ARIS Parent Link account be active after he or she graduates?

Once students graduate, their ARIS Parent Link account will no longer be active. For school transcripts and other records, please contact your child's school.

How can parents who do not have a computer access ARIS Parent Link?

If you need help finding computer or Internet access, talk to the parent coordinator at your child's school. Libraries and many community centers offer free Internet access. You can access a list of free computer resources here: http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/7F010D94-8AAF-47AA-A2B6-B73E3CA92A2D/95507/ResourcesforParents_122110.pdf

Is my child's information secure in ARIS Parent Link?

Yes, your child's information is secure. The data within ARIS Parent Link is protected by 128-bit SSL encryption. This is the same level of security that banks use to keep financial information secure.

How is my child's right to privacy preserved?

Information about your child throughout the New York City public school system, and within ARIS Parent Link, is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). To learn more about FERPA, visit <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/parents.html>.