

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

NOTICE TO ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS

Grade 6

English Language Arts Test

JANUARY 17-20, 2006

(Make-up period January 23-27, 2006)

The Department is **extending the testing time by 10 minutes** for Book 1 of the Grade 6 English Language Arts Test. This brings the total testing time for Book 1 to **55 minutes**. This change in the time allotted applies **only** to Book 1 of the Grade 6 English Language Arts Test. For Book 2 and Book 3 of the Grade 6 Test and for all of the other grades, teachers administering the tests are to follow the times allotted in the printed *Teacher's Directions*.

To ensure that the correct amount of time (55 minutes) is provided to all students taking Book 1 of the Grade 6 Test, the printed *English Language Arts Test Teacher's Directions for Grade 6, 7, and 8* that each school receives along with its shipment of test books must be amended as follows:

- Page 3: In the table, under Day 1, Book 1, in the column to the right, change "45 minutes" to "**55 minutes**."
- Page 7: In the text in bold under the first SAY, the second paragraph must be revised to begin, "Today, you will have **55 minutes** to read..."
- Page 8: In the text in bold under the fifth SAY, the second paragraph must be changed to "You will have **55 minutes** to read..."
- Page 8: In the text in the line above the seventh SAY, "After 35 minutes," must be changed to "After **45 minutes**,"
- Page 8: In the text in the line above the last SAY, "After 45 minutes," must be changed to "After **55 minutes**,"

To assist schools in making these revisions to the printed *Teacher's Directions*, a **revised** edition of the *English Language Arts Test Teacher's Directions for Grade 6, 7, and 8* is now available on the Department's web site at: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/3-8/home.html>.

Please photocopy this notice and provide a copy to each teacher who will be administering the Grade 6 English Language Arts Test.