

Educational Leadership Exam Feedback and/or Suggestions

Scheduling & Testing Format:

- Schedule all your exams so that they are not too far apart. You will benefit from having your brain in gear and focused, plus some questions are very similar.
- Schedule EAS exam first. It will help you familiarize yourself with the format and it is short (2h30); take sample practice exam from the website and then pay for the practice online exam (\$30.00), especially if you are not familiar with online exams. It will allow you to practice with document tabs, the navigation system and question flagging, as well as working within a time frame.
- If taking both SBL and SDL, take SDL first (in two separate sessions):
 - The format is very basic: 60 multiple choice questions and 2 writing assignments (one 150-300 words and one 300-600) for each section. There is plenty of time to review your answers before closing down the sessions. Make sure you review HR (memo writing), Law (contracts, student rights) and finance (budgeting) as well as NYS code of ethics, Special Ed/IEP and ENL/ELL/LEP requirements.
- Take SBL in two separate sessions if possible:
 - Part I – Only 41 multiple choice but quite a few are document based. The 3 writing assignments are time consuming because of the number of tasks that must be answered. Number/letter each task and rephrase the questions before you read the documents so you are clear as to what you are focusing on.
 - Part II – Video segment is first. Practice taking notes on white boards with a skinny marker; find the sound adjustment button at the beginning; jot down the grade, class and title/objective of the lesson as soon as it appears (this information disappears as soon as the video ended); including the lesson analysis, there are 6 writing assignments so keep your eye on the clock and time yourself.

Review Materials:

- Review sample questions on The New York State Teachers Examination website
 - Link: <http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/>
- Practice exams can also be purchased on the website: <http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/>
- School Leader Exam Preparation - Helpful Tips from Exam Reviewers Now Available for On-Demand Viewing
 - Website Link: http://www.stonybrook.edu/spd/edleadership/sbl_exam_videos
- Review Dr. Boehlert's School Building & District PowerPoint presentation
- Suggested review book: Preparing for Educational Leadership (2nd Edition) 2nd Edition ISBN: 978-1269658614
- Review exams rubrics when studying for the tests. Rubrics can be found on The New York State Teachers Examination website.