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WHAT IS RISE?

Beginning with the 2018–2019 school year, Utah students will participate in a new assessment program: RISE, designed to support and enhance student Readiness, Improvement, Success, and Empowerment.

Using a multi-stage adaptive testing design, RISE assessments in grades 3–8 will provide students with a user experience that expands their opportunities for demonstrating achievement and growth. Unlike adaptive testing of the past, the RISE assessments will allow students full navigation of their tests, enabling them to go backward and forward, to skip and return to items, and to review and revise their answers. Thus, students will be able to deploy their best strategies for success, while still accessing content geared toward their individual performance levels.

RISE offers students, teachers, and parents an opportunity to work collaboratively towards following the Utah State Core Standards. It also provides a baseline for student learning, while ensuring that student proficiency and growth reflect what they know and can do.



READINESS

Assessments play an important role in preparing today's students for tomorrow's challenges. Information obtained from assessments makes teachers and parents aware of what their students know and can do today and what they are prepared to learn tomorrow.



IMPROVEMENT

Assessments enable teachers to identify what areas students are struggling in and work with them on an individual basis to ensure they are prepared to reach the next milestone.



SUCCESS

With a clear understanding of where students excel and where they need to improve, teachers can work collaboratively with families to ensure students continue to be success-bound!



EMPOWERMENT

Knowledge and skills provide students with valuable resources that empower them by expanding their future opportunities and freedoms.

THE BENEFITS OF RISE


Assessments are an essential element of the learning process. Teachers use a variety of assessments to evaluate student learning, provide specific feedback to students and parents, and make instructional decisions.

- ▶ Helps answer two questions: “How good is the school?” and “Is the school improving?”
- ▶ A new interface that allows full navigation – backward, forward, review, and revise.
- ▶ New reports (for students, teachers, and administration) provide feedback on performance.
- ▶ Test questions are aligned to Utah Core Standards, utilizing questions developed over the past five years by Utah teachers.
- ▶ Tests are available throughout the school year, which provides flexibility to LEAs to administer assessments within their instructional schedules.
- ▶ Tests are available in a variety of mediums to ensure accessibility for all students. This includes printable large print, printable braille, and refreshable braille, in addition to the online format.
- ▶ Companion website (Utah RISE Portal) allows information to be readily accessible for teachers, administrators, and the public.

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RISE FAQ

Is RISE computer-adaptive?

Yes, the statute requires this assessment to be computer-adaptive, but this assessment will be multistage-adaptive rather than item-adaptive like the state’s previous assessment.

What are the advantages of a multistage-adaptive test?

The biggest advantage for students is they will be allowed full navigation (backward, forward, review, and revise) within each test session. In addition, multistage tests can sequence test content in a logical, predictable, and standardized way, allowing for full use of the item bank.

Will my students use a different interface to access the test?

Yes, it will continue to be delivered on computers, but the URL associated with the test will change. Questar will provide the test through their delivery system, which is called Nextera.

Which students will participate in RISE and for which subjects?

Students in grades 3-8 will participate in RISE. ELA and mathematics will be assessed in all grades, science in grades 4-8, and writing in grade 5 and grade 8.

How long will the tests take?

The RISE tests should take students about the same length of time to complete as the previous state tests.

Will my students receive an individual report on their writing proficiency?

Yes, grade 5 and grade 8 students will receive a separate report detailing their proficiency as measured against the writing standards of the Utah Core Standards.

Will students/parents still receive an individual student report (ISR)?

Yes, schools are still required to provide an ISR to every tested student at the end of their testing session. The transition to a new provider has given Utah the opportunity to make improvements to the existing ISR, as well as other classroom, school, and district reports.

Will the interim and benchmark tests still be available for use by Utah teachers?

Yes, Questar will provide these productivity tools for teacher use. These tests are not required and are not included in the school accountability system, but they can be used by ELA, mathematics, and science teachers to quickly measure student learning and adjust instruction throughout the learning cycle.