



# Utah State Board of Education

## Description of State Assessments

### **AAPPL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (grades 3-9)**

*Test given to students in the Dual Language Immersion program to check their proficiency of the target language.*

### **ACT (grade 11)**

*An assessment that measures postsecondary readiness. The state-administered ACT includes English, reading, mathematics, science subtests.*

### **Acadience Reading (grades K-3; optional for grades 4-6)**

*A brief literacy test, given 3 times during the school year (Beginning, Middle, End).*

### **Early Literacy Alternate Assessment (grades 1-3)**

*A rubric based literacy skills test for students with significant cognitive disabilities, given 3 times during the school year (Beginning, Middle, End).*

### **Early Mathematics Assessment (grades K-3)**

*A brief numeracy test, given 3 times during the school year (Beginning, Middle, End).*

### **Early Mathematics Alternate Assessment (grades 1-3)**

*A rubric based mathematics skills test for students with significant cognitive disabilities, given 3 times during the school year (Beginning, Middle, End).*

### **CTE Skill Certificate Assessments**

*Competency-based tests given to students when they complete a course in Career and Technical Education. **Required for certification.***

### **DLM Dynamic Learning Maps (grades 3-11)**

*Tests given at the end of the school year to students with significant cognitive disabilities to measure proficiency on the Alternate Achievement Standards (Essential Elements/Extended Core Science Standards) and school accountability*

- DLM - English Language Arts (ELA) (grades 3-11)
- DLM - Mathematics (grades 3-11)
- DLM - Science (grades 4-11)

### **General Financial Literacy Assessment**

*Tests given to students when they complete the General Financial Literacy course.*

### **High School Civics Exam**

*A locally administered civics exam with questions from the U.S. immigration and naturalization test. Students need to correctly answer 35 out of 50 questions (alternate option available for students with disabilities). **Required for graduation.***

### **RISE Summative assessments (grades 3-8)**

*Tests given at the end of a course to measure students' proficiency on Utah Core Standards and school accountability*

- English Language Arts (ELA) (grades 3-8)
- Writing (grades 5 and 8)
- Mathematics (grades 3-8)
- Science (grades 4-8)

### **RISE Interim assessments (grades 3-8)**

*Optional tests that schools may choose to give to check students' proficiency before a course is completed. Similar to the RISE Summative assessments in length.*

- English Language Arts (ELA) (grades 3-8)
- Mathematics (grades 3-8)
- Science (grades 4-8)

### **RISE Benchmark Modules (grades 3-8)**

*Optional productivity tools for teachers to use to help them get feedback on students' learning of the Utah Core Standards at the Reporting Category level. These tools have approximately 8-13 questions.*

- English Language Arts (ELA) (grades 3-8)
- Writing (grades 3-8)
- Mathematics (grades 3-8)
- Science (grades 4-8)

### **Utah Aspire Plus (grades 9-10)**

*Tests given at the end of the school year for all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders, that include a combination of test questions from ACT Aspire and Utah's item bank.*

- English (grades 9-10)
- Reading (grades 9-10)
- Mathematics (grades 9-10)
- Science (grades 9-10)

### **High School Core Benchmarks (grades 9-12)**

*Optional productivity tools for teachers to use to help them get feedback on students' learning of the Utah Core Standards at the Reporting Category level. These tools have approximately 8-13 questions.*

- English Language Arts (ELA)
- Mathematics: Secondary Math I, II, and III
- Science: Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics