

RISE Testing Overview:

Exploring the Types of Assessments



To help track progress in student learning, Utah uses a set of assessments called RISE. Each type of RISE assessment has a different purpose. Together, they give teachers, families, and students valuable information about student learning and help educators adjust programs for future learners.

Benchmark Modules: Quick Learning Checks

What they are: Short tests on specific skills, given by teachers during the year.

What they show: Score highlights strengths and areas to work on.

Why they matter: Teachers use the results to adjust lessons to address areas where students may need additional support and help them set their own learning goals.

Interim Assessments: Progress Along the Way

What they are: Math and English Language Arts tests given up to twice during the year that adjust in difficulty to each student's performance.

What they show: A scale score and proficiency level.

Why they matter: Show progress mid-year and help guide what to focus on next.

Summative Assessments: The Big Picture

What they are: Required end-of-year tests in English Language Arts, Writing, Math, and Science.

What they show: A scale score and proficiency level that measure overall learning compared to Utah's Core Standards.

Why they matter: Give a statewide view of student learning and help schools improve programs and supports.

Training Tests: Practice for the Real Thing

What they are: Practice tests that cover a range of grades. They let students try out the online system, question types, and tools.

What they show: No scores, they are just for practice in the testing software.

Why they matter: Help students feel comfortable with the testing tools before the real test.

Families can explore the tests together at utahrise.org/training-tests.html

Sign in as Guest and Select Guest Session to start reviewing sample questions.



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