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Utah's High School Summative Assessment

53E-4-304 High School Assessments

The board shall adopt a high school assessment that:
(a) is predictive of a student's college readiness as measured by the college readiness assessment*
(b) provides a growth score for a student in grade 9 and 10

*the college readiness assessment most commonly submitted to local universities (ACT)

https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title53E/Chapter4/53E-4-S304.html

Legislation

Legislative context for grades 9-10

Passed ADA Accessibility 8/11/21
English items align with the 9th and 10th grade ELA Utah Core Standards and measure English skills students should master by the end of 9th and 10th grades.

Reading items align with the 9th and 10th grade ELA Utah Core Standards and measure reading skills students should master by the end of 9th and 10th grades.

Mathematics items align with the Secondary Math I and Secondary Math II Utah Core Standards and measure mathematics skills students should master by the end of 9th and 10th grades.

Science items are "content agnostic from biology, Earth science, chemistry and physics with an emphasis on the practices of science. The science subtest measures scientific skills students should master by the end of 9th and 10th grades."
About Utah Aspire Plus

Why a hybrid test?

- Utah Aspire Plus is a custom assessment created by Utah educators with ACT Aspire and Utah items
- Allows alignment to Utah Core Standards and calculation of student growth scores
- Allows predictive scoring for Utah’s College and Career Readiness assessment (the ACT)

About Utah Aspire Plus

- Hybrid test
- End-of-level (as opposed to end-of-course like RISE)
- Items are aligned to Utah core standards
- Fixed form (math, English, reading, science)
- Timed test
- Spanish transadaptive
- Local control of accommodations
- Utah Aspire Plus Resource Center: http://utah.pearsonaccessnext.com/
Administering Utah Aspire Plus

- The test is computer based – delivered on TestNav
- Question samplers (tests to practice using format) available on Utah Aspire Plus Resource Center
- Multiple choice & technology enhanced questions
- No open response questions
- Braille/large print tests are ordered by schools, pre-printed and delivered to schools.
- Active proctoring required
- Local control of proctoring