

# Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE) Practice Tests

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# Board of Education, educators, students and parents need to be familiar

- ▶ The SAGE Portal is accessible to all.
- ▶ Utah's SAGE will only start adaptivity in SY 2015.
- ▶ School year 2014 test:
  - ▶ 400 items in each subject at each grade have been reviewed by parent-educator committees.
  - ▶ Students will be tested on a subset of items.
  - ▶ Students should expect to test for the full session
  - ▶ Questions will be normed for adaptation for SY 2015.



Students and Families



Teachers/Test Administrators



School/District Testing Coordinators



Technology Coordinators

## Welcome to the Utah State Office of Education SAGE Portal

**SAGE (Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence)** is Utah's computer adaptive assessment system aligned to the state's core standards. This comprehensive testing system includes the following summative, interim, and formative components.

**SAGE Summative:** Summative adaptive assessments required for state and federal accountability provided for English language arts (ELA), math and science

**SAGE Formative:** Optional learning resources, test items, and learning activities available to teachers, parents and students, linked to students' summative test results

This is the portal to all things SAGE. Use this site to access test administration functions, training, and other resources, and to download the secure browser.

### Recent Announcements

- **Google Chromebooks (Now Available!):**  
AIR has worked with Google to develop a secure kiosk application for use with Chromebooks. You may add this application to both managed and non-managed Chromebook devices. Instructions can be found on the Secure Browser link.



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# Deseret News

## Parent committee completes review of new adaptive testing materials

By Benjamin Wood, Deseret News

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A committee of parents completed a week-long review of the state's new computer adaptive tests on Friday. The tests will be administered for the first time this spring. (Laura Seitz, Deseret News)

**SALT LAKE CITY — Since Monday, Alyson Williams and 14 other parent volunteers have spent long hours at the State Office of Education, carefully combing through roughly 10,000 exam questions that will be used this spring in new computer adaptive tests.**

"I have four kids to shuttle around to different baby sitters before I get up," Williams, of Spanish Fork, said. "It's been a marathon from early, early in the morning to late at night."

That marathon ended Friday as the review committee participated in a debrief session with state education officials and policymakers. While roughly 3 percent of exam questions were flagged for review — based on a range of technical or content-related concerns — members of the committee were positive in their feedback to state officials.

**"I came in with fairly low expectations about what the process would be and whether or not we'd be able to get through the number of questions that are in the pool," Williams said. "I'm really impressed. I am satisfied that they are taking our feedback seriously."**

John Jesse, director of assessments for the State Office of Education, spoke highly of the review committee efforts. He said every flagged question will be reworked or discarded, but, overall, all 15 members of the committee suggested that the test is in good shape to continue.

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# Principals need to be familiar

- ▶ Planning:
  - ▶ Dates for testing
  - ▶ Time requirements for each test.
- ▶ Technology required for each test.
  - ▶ Desktop computers
  - ▶ Mobile lab computers hard-wired to Ethernet connection
- ▶ Headphones or earbuds
  - ▶ Adjust volume prior to test for “text to speech”
  - ▶ Use Microsoft voice supplied with Windows 7/8
- ▶ Technology not used for SY 2014 testing
  - ▶ No mobile computers requiring “bluetooth” or other wireless keyboard (eg., iPad, tablets etc.)

# Granite District's SAGE Blog 2014

## Granite's SAGE Testing Window 2014

Posted in [Online Testing](#) by karen on the

**Secondary/Elementary Traditional:**

April 14, 2014- May 23, 2014

**SAGE Writing Assessment Section (ONLY):**

May begin on March 17, 2014- April 11, 2014 to allow time for the rest of the Assessments that begin on April 14, 2014

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### Number of Test Sessions 2014

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Elementary ELA-  
(3rd-5th grades)

#### Plan on 2 Sessions

Reading, Language Arts, & Listening: 90 min. (Or 2 60 min. sessions)

Writing: 60 min. (to be scheduled between March 17-April 11)

(6th Grade has been included under Secondary for Language Arts)

Elementary Math-  
(3rd-6th grades)

#### Plan on 2 (60 min.) Sessions

Elementary Science-  
(4th-6th grades)

#### Plan on 2 (60 min.) Sessions

Secondary ELA -  
(gr 6-11)

#### Plan on 2 Class Periods

Reading, Language, & Listening: 90 min.

Writing: 90 min. (to be scheduled between March 17-April 11)

Secondary Math-

#### Plan on 2 Class Periods

Secondary Science-

#### Plan on 2 Class Periods

(Integrated Science, 9th gr., Earth Systems, 9th gr.: Biology, Chem, Physics)

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### Ethics Training Materials

# Teachers need to be familiar

- ▶ Types of questions students will see.
- ▶ Types of responses the subject will require.
- ▶ All subjects are integrated across the test
  - ▶ Science assesses language skills
  - ▶ Writing assesses social science knowledge
- ▶ How to demonstrate the test.
  - ▶ In the classroom to the whole group
  - ▶ May use Karen Tohinaka's PowerPoint
  - ▶ Students should practice in the lab using the SAGE secure browser



# HOW TO NAVIGATE THRU SAGE TEST



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# Students need to be familiar

- ▶ How to manipulate “hot spots.”
- ▶ How to draw graphic responses.
- ▶ How to conduct virtual experiments.
- ▶ How to select and copy text.
- ▶ How to start “Text to Speech.”