

Utah
Aspire Plus
is a
custom
assessment
created by Utah
educators using
ACT Aspire and
Utah items

Utah Aspire Plus Infographic

Utah's new 9th and 10th grade assessment



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

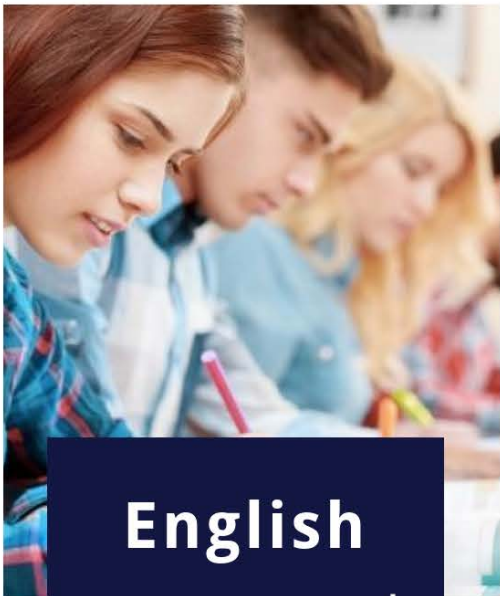
*the college readiness assessment most commonly submitted to local universities (ACT)

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

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Why a new test?

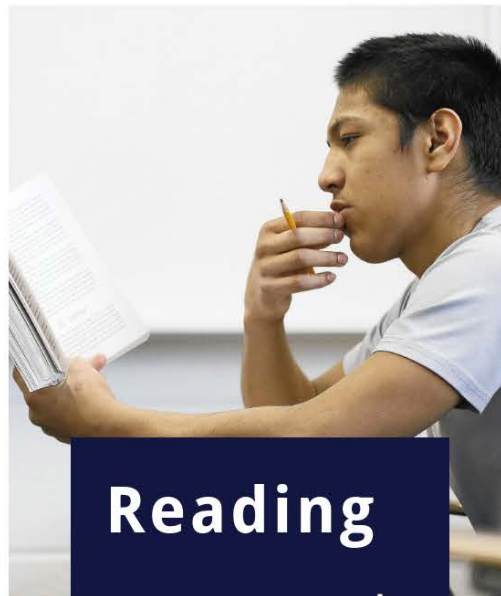
Legislative
context for grades
9-10



English



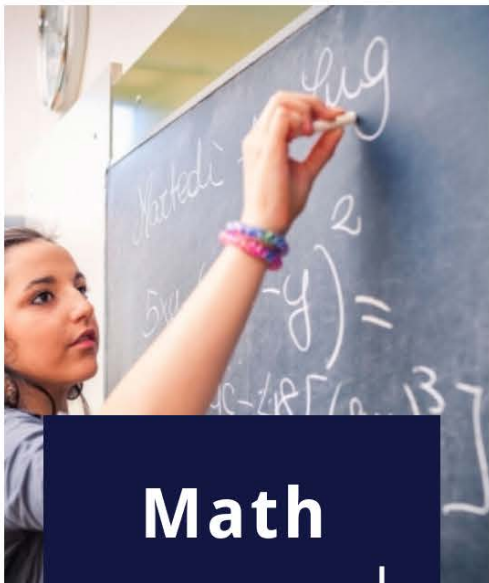
English items align with the 9th and 10th grade ELA Utah Core Standards and measure English skills students should master by the end of 9th and 10th grades.



Reading



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.



Math



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



Science items are "content agnostic" from biology, Earth science, chemistry, and physics with an emphasis on the science ILOs. The Science sub-test measures scientific skills students should master by the end of 9th and 10th grades.

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)

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What changed?

Compared to SAGE

- Hybrid test
- End-of-level (as opposed to end-of-course like SAGE)
- Fixed form
- Will be timed
- No open response questions
- Braille/large print tests will be pre-printed and delivered to schools.
- Spanish transadaptive
- ELA is two tests; no writing
- Testing window: March 25 - May 17, 2019





What stayed the same?

- Items are aligned to the Utah Core Standards
- The test is computer based – delivered on TestNav
- Active proctoring required
- We will continue to use SGP method to measure growth
- Question samplers (tests to practice using format) available January 2019
- Multiple choice & technology enhanced questions
- Local control of proctoring
- Local control of accommodations
- Benchmarks will be available for teacher use beginning October 1, 2019 (100% Utah items)

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