Utah Core State Standards Prerequisite Knowledge Tests

The Utah State Office of Education (USOE) has created a series of prerequisite knowledge tests for Utah public educators. The English language arts and mathematics tests were developed during the summer of 2012 and are primarily focused on bringing students up to speed in the first few years they are implementing the new Utah Core State Standards. The purpose of each test is to help teachers determine gaps in student understanding of curriculum from prior years. Finding and diagnosing these gaps will assist teachers in providing appropriate background knowledge when students are learning extensions or new material based on missing concept understanding. Science prerequisite knowledge tests, pre-tests, and Intended Learning Outcome (ILO) tests were developed in 2007 for secondary grades/courses.

Enrollment Codes

Each test is available via the UTIPS Core system. The below table provides the enrollment code necessary to access the test(s) developed for each subject and grade/course and the availability of each test. Educators may join organizations prior to tests becoming available.

Subject	Grade/Course	Enrollment Code
English Language Arts	3rd	fall54
English Language Arts	4th	busy12
English Language Arts	5th	wind50
English Language Arts	6th	lost85
English Language Arts	7th	line25
English Language Arts	8th	fruit41
English Language Arts	9th	touch88
English Language Arts	10th	iron98
English Language Arts	11th	sell85
English Language Arts	12th	rain83
Mathematics	3rd	clock42
Mathematics	4th	self14
Mathematics	5th	knew25
Mathematics	6th	play52
Mathematics	7th	feed40
Mathematics	8th	know42
Mathematics	Secondary 1	burn72
Science	3rd	high57
Science	4th	clean91
Science	5th	order75
Science	6th	coat98
Science	7th	soft49
Science	8th	weak43
Science	Earth Systems	block62
Science	Biology	noon68
Science	Chemistry	world82
Science	Physics	shine98

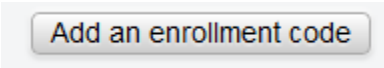
Current as of Sept. 2013

Joining the Appropriate Statewide Organization (Continued)

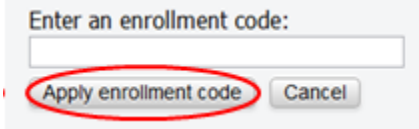
If an educator already has a UTIPS Core account:

- Log in
- Select "Settings" from the "Navigation – Configuration" pane

- Select "Add an enrollment code"



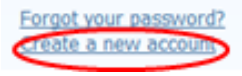
- Enter the appropriate enrollment code and select "Apply enrollment code"



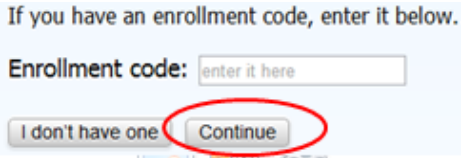
- Repeat the above steps if additional enrollment codes are needed

If an educator does not have a UTIPS Core account:

- Go to http://utips.org
- Click on "Create a new account"



- Enter the appropriate enrollment code and select "Continue."

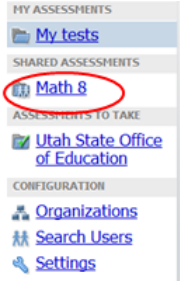


- Follow the "if an educator already has a UTIPS Core account" steps if additional enrollment codes are needed.
- Contact your district or school UTIPS Core trainer, or the UTIPS Core helpdesk (help@utips.org) to receive an additional enrollment code for your Utah public school. Note: Accounts which are not affiliated with a UTIPS public school within four months of creation may be deleted.

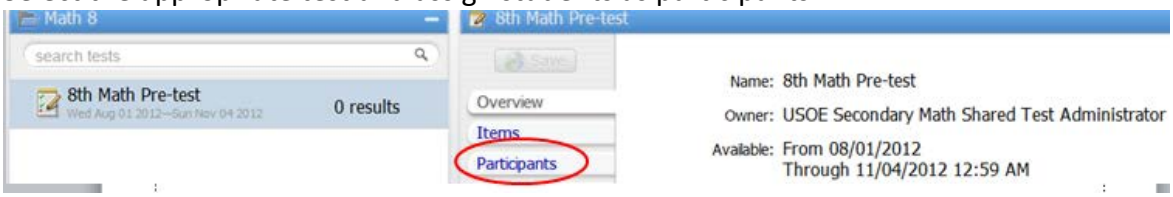
Accessing Tests

Once the appropriate enrollment code has been applied, a "Shared Assessments" menu will be added to the Navigation pane within your UTIPS Core account.

- Select the desired grade/course



- Select the appropriate test and assign students as participants.



Note: Students must first be added to your "Organizations" before they can be assigned to any UTIPS Core test. For assistance in using UTIPS Core, please contact your district or school UTIPS Core trainer or the UTIPS Core helpdesk (help@utips.org).

Test Administration

Students interact with these tests in the same manner they interact with other UTIPS Core assessments.

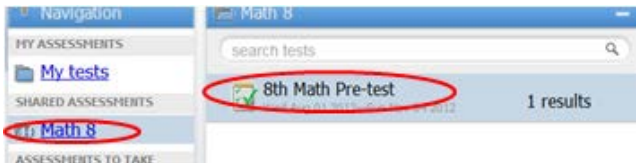
Some tests have constructed response questions. The UTIPS Core system can collect student text responses, however some mathematics items may require students to draw (e.g., graphing). For these items, students should provide their responses outside of the UTIPS Core system.

Test Scoring and Reporting

The UTIPS Core system automatically scores student responses for multiple choice items.

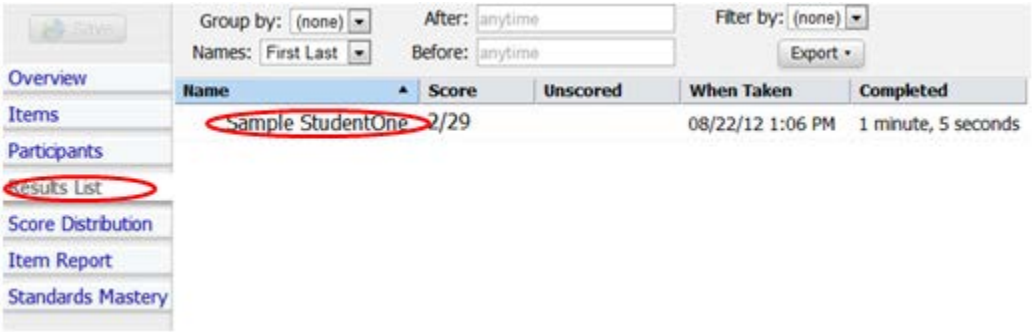
Student responses to constructed response items that are entered as text may be viewed by the educator. Student responses collected outside of UTIPS Core must be handled and scored by the educator. Once the educator determines the appropriate score for each constructed response item, it is entered into the UTIPS Core system.

- From within the educator's account, select the test from the "Shared Assessments" menu and select the Test Name.

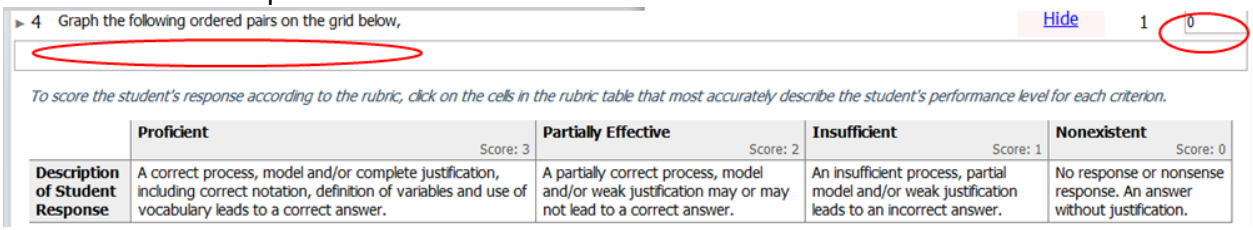


Test Scoring and Reporting (Continued)

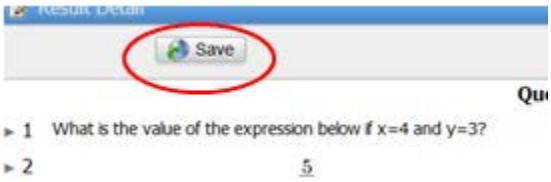
- Select "Results List" and select the student for whom scores should be recorded.



- The selected student's test and appear. Select "Show" for each constructed response item to show the student's response and any available scoring guide. Enter the score for the student's response.



- Select "Save" frequently.

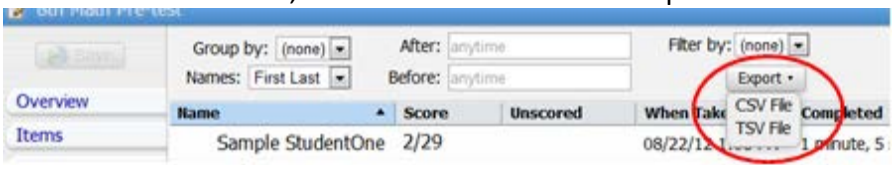


- Once "Save" has been selected, UTIPS Core reports for this test are updated to reflect new scores.

Student Data Management

UTIPS Core is not a long-term student data system. Student results are purged each year and class changes during the year (e.g., semester courses) may impact an educator's ability to view results appropriately (e.g., groups, filters). Educators may export UTIPS Core results.

- Select the assessment, select "Results List" and "Export."



Questions and Support

Questions concerning each test's purpose or content should be directed to the USOE's Teaching and Learning or Assessment and Accountability section (801-538-7500).

English Language Arts, Grades 3 – 5:	Tiffany Hall or Kurt Farnsworth
English Language Arts, Grades 6 – 11:	Christelle Estrada or Kurt Farnsworth
Mathematics, Grades 3 – 6:	David Smith or Jennie DeFriez
Mathematics, Grades 7, 8 and Secondary 1:	Diana Suddreth or Nolan Fawcett
Science, all grades/courses:	Sara Young or Brad Talbert

Note: USOE email addresses are structured: firstname.lastname@schools.utah.gov

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