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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
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.

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.

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.
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

- Testing window: March 23 - May 15, 2020
- 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