

RISE Assessments: 2026-2027 And Beyond

Background

During the Utah State Legislature's 2025 General Session, [SB 39](#) was passed. Grades 9 and 10 are now included in Utah's Standards Assessment (RISE) as described in [Utah Code 53E-4-303](#).

What is RISE?

The Readiness, Improvement, Success, Empowerment (RISE) assessment is the Utah state-required, end-of-course assessment for students in grades 3-10 for English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science, and Writing.

- **RISE summative assessments are computer adaptive:** each student responds to a unique set and sequence of items. Computer adaptive assessments measure the range of a student's ability by selecting more difficult or less difficult items based on the student's responses.
 - » Students must interact with all parts of an item/item set in order to move to the next item/item set
- **RISE assessments are course-based:** a student's course determines which summative RISE assessment they take, regardless of which grade they are in
- RISE assessments are not timed
- All items on RISE assessments are solely aligned to Utah Core Standards
- **RISE assessments provide immediate scores, including a scale score and proficiency level:** predicted college readiness scores are not provided

What is RISE?



English Language Arts (ELA)
Grades 3-10



Science
Grades 4-10



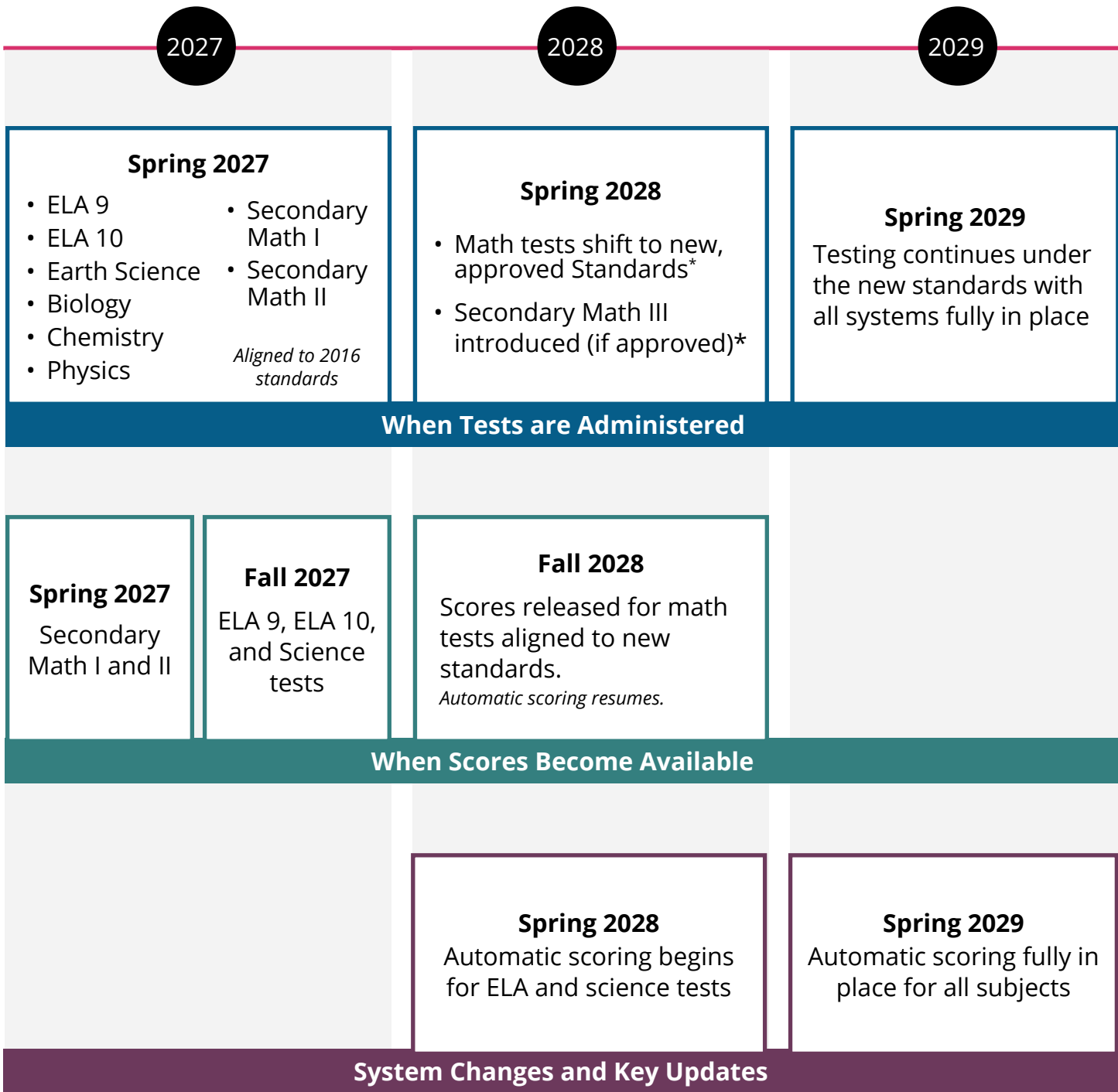
Mathematics
Grades 3-10



Writing
Grades 5 and 8

RISE High School Testing Timeline

This timeline outlines when high school RISE assessments are administered, when scores become available, and when key system updates take place. Testing begins in spring 2027 for English language arts, science, and secondary math courses. Math assessments transition to new standards starting in spring 2028, alongside the introduction of Secondary Math III (pending approval). Automatic scoring for English language arts and science begins in spring 2028 and expands to all subjects by spring 2029.



*Alignment to new, approved Math Standards and inclusion of SM3 test for Spring 2028 administration is dependent on USBE Board approval timeline

Helpful Resources

Utah RISE Portal: <https://utahrise.org>

Resources include:

- Test Blueprints
- Performance Level Descriptors
- Cut Scores
- Item Type Tutorials
- Calculator Manual
- Technology Resources and User Guides
- Access to Test Administration and Reporting interfaces (requires log-in)

RISE Training Tests: <https://utahrise.org/training-tests.html>

Training Tests are grade-banded and provide a low-stakes environment for students, teachers, and families to familiarize themselves with the testing platform, available tools, and types of interactions they may see on their RISE Summative Tests. Training Tests do not provide a score or measure what a student knows about a subject.

Training Tests are available in the following formats:

- Proctored Session
 - » Students practice with log-in procedures
 - » Teachers/Proctors practice using the Test Administration interface
 - » Student progress on the Training Test can be saved
- Non-proctored Guest Session
 - » Availability to parents/guardians to experience the student testing interface
 - » Users can access the Training Test outside regular school hours

Benchmarks: <https://www.utips.org>

High school Benchmarks are available in UTIPS. Secondary Math I Benchmarks are available in RISE as well.

Utah Core Standards and Core Guides: <https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/utahcorestandards>

USBE-approved standards and guidance documents by content area and grade level

USBE Assessment and Accountability: <https://www.schools.utah.gov/assessment/>

State-provided assessment information, resources, and contact information