

SAGE 2017 Frequently Asked Questions:

**My testing period is almost over and some students are not done with the test. If I close them out, will they ever be able to answer the un-attempted questions?**

Yes. With the exception of the writing test there is a twenty minute pause rule. If the test is paused for more than twenty minutes, the attempted questions are sealed. The next time the student logs onto this test, they will start with the first un-attempted question.

**If I have a student “flag” a question and then close out the session can the student return to that question the next time they log on?**

Only if the student logs back on within twenty minutes. A flag is a quick way to mark questions you want to revisit before the end of the session. If you end the session the session is over and the twenty minute pause rule comes into play except on the SAGE Writing.

**Where are the red stop signs marking the end of a section?**

As a computer adaptive test, SAGE, doesn't know exactly how many questions a student will answer on any given topic. It has a rough idea of what percent of the test will cover any given part of the core. Students don't move through in lock step by question nor by section. Warn the students when they have five minutes left, to return to any flagged questions, and then after five minutes end the session.

**Does an accommodation of calculator use allow a handheld calculator for the entire test?**

A student can use a handheld calculator in grades 5 -7 if they have this accommodation but only on those items where the on-line calculator is available. For grades 8-12 any non-internet calculator may be used on any portion of the SAGE mathematics test.

**Why is there sometimes no “read passage” option when Read-aloud is a resource available to all students?**

While read-aloud is available to every student, it is not available on those items where it would violate the construct being tested. You can tell if this is the case because the item stem and the answer options can be read aloud.

**Why did three or four of my students get “kicked out” of the test?**

So far, there is no answer to that question. It seems to be random. The student can log back onto the test and no answers have been lost.