

Aspire Plus Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

When do students test?

The school selects the exact the test dates and times within the testing window which runs from March 23 to May 15 for school year 2020.

How long is the test?

There are four fixed-form subtests, each subtest must be taken in a single sitting. The mathematics and reading subtests require 90 minutes each, while the English language arts subtest lasts 45 minutes and the science subtest requires 60 minutes.

When can I see my student scores?

The College Board will send the results to the district in early fall. By October 15 the results should be available on the MyDSD guardian website.

Are benchmarks or practice tests available?

No, but test blueprints and performance level descriptors are available at <http://utah.pearsonaccessnext.com/additional-services/>

Can my student use a calculator?

There is an online calculator included with the test. In addition, the student can use a calculator typically used in the classroom. No WIFI nor internet capable calculators are allowed.

What must teachers do to start a test session?

The teacher role is to verify that the correct student logs on with the correct testing ticket. The test sessions are “already started” and unlocked by the Assessment/Evaluation Coordinator at the site. The teacher helps the students navigate the test instructions and example problems. The teacher helps a student who has been “kicked out” of the test by notifying the Assessment/Evaluation Coordinator at the site to unlock the test for the student.

What if my student needs more time?

Accommodations for Aspire Plus are limited. Those students with an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP or 504) that calls for extended time on testing may receive a time and a half accommodation. This must be done well in advance of the testing session. Otherwise the session is timed automatically to close the test at the end of the expected testing time.

My student is taking an advanced science course. Which Aspire Plus subtest should the student take?

All students in grade 9 take the same science subtest. Students in grade 10 take the same science subtest. The science test blueprint was designed with Utah science educator input and have questions drawn from Biology (25%), Earth Science (25%), Chemistry (25%), and Physics (25%).

My student is taking advanced mathematics. Which Aspire Plus subtest should the student take?

Students in grade 9 take the same mathematics subtest. Students in grade 10 take the same subtest.