RISE Benchmark Modules

The RISE Benchmark Modules are a productivity tool for Utah teachers and students that focus on specific strands within the Utah Core Standards. Participation is determined locally and is *not required* by the USBE. Student results are provided for LEA and school use; no Benchmark Module student results are collected by the USBE.

The Benchmark Modules are fixed-form assessments—typically 8–22 items, depending on the content area, grouped under overarching strands—that are designed to give teachers and students an opportunity to identify strengths and weaknesses about the specific knowledge, skills, and abilities outlined in the Utah Core Standards. A list of available Benchmark Modules for mathematics, English language arts (ELA), and science is available on the RISE Portal at UtahRISE.org. The RISE Benchmark Modules are not predictive of how students will perform on the RISE Summative assessments.

Detailed instructions for providing the remote administration of the RISE Benchmark Modules are provided in this manual in the *Administering RISE Benchmark Modules Remotely* section.

Security

- The RISE Benchmark Modules are secure and not public assessments. After students have completed a benchmark module, educators can review and share items and classroom-level responses with students in a whole class setting. Individual student results can be shared one-on-one in a conference setting or online via Zoom, Google Classroom, or other third-party communication software. Student results should not be shared over unsecured communication methods such as personal email or text messages.

- Educators cannot copy, paste, photograph, place test questions, writing prompts, reading passages, or science clusters into presentations or other assessments, record themselves sharing student responses, or share test items outside of the classroom instructional level.

Considerations for sharing Benchmark Module results in a classroom setting should include:

- How to discuss/present classroom-level data without revealing Personally Identifiable Information (PII) on any test item
- How to provide equitable instruction to students with a Parental Exclusion for Benchmark Modules who do not have access to the assessment
- How to maintain the integrity of the Interim and Benchmark Module shared item banks since both items and individual student responses can be reviewed following the assessment

The Benchmark Modules for Math, Science, and ELA are available for Utah educators to schedule for their classrooms between August 4, 2026, and June 4, 2027. Students can take multiple Benchmark Module assessments throughout the year, and they can take a specific Benchmark Module more than once. The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) does not recommend that schools administer both the Benchmark Module assessments and the RISE Interim assessments because these assessments share item banks.

RISE Benchmark Module Previewing System

A Benchmark Module Previewing System is available to all users, except students, registered in TIDE. This system allows users to preview all Benchmark Modules available at any time to determine appropriate instructional use. It is not appropriate to use the Benchmark Previewing System to review the Benchmark Modules with students or to copy the items to be used in another format. To access this system, users click on the Benchmark Previewing card on the UtahRISE.org home page.



Authorized users can access the Benchmark Module Previewing System via the RISE Portal.

1. Select **Benchmark Previewing**. The ***Login*** page appears (see Figure 53).

2. Enter your email address and password.

3. Click **Secure Login**. The ***Available Tests*** page appears.

   a. If you have not logged in using this browser before, or if you have cleared your browser cache, the ***Enter Code*** page appears (see Figure 54) and an email containing an authentication code is sent to your address.

   b. In the *Enter Emailed Code* field, enter the emailed code.

   c. Click **Submit** to access the ***Available Tests*** page.

   Note: You must use the authentication code within five minutes of the email being sent. If the code has expired, click **Resend Code** to request a new code.

Benchmark Module Previewing System Portal Card



Figure 53. Login Page

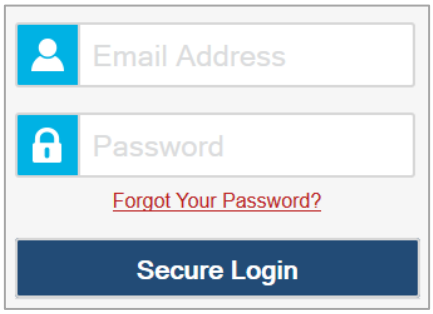
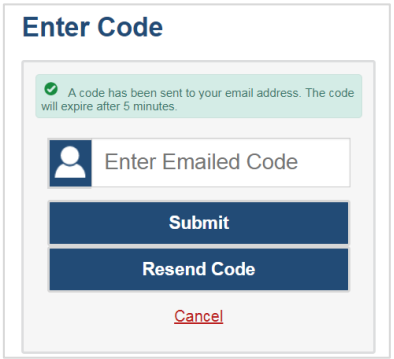


Figure 54. Enter Code Page



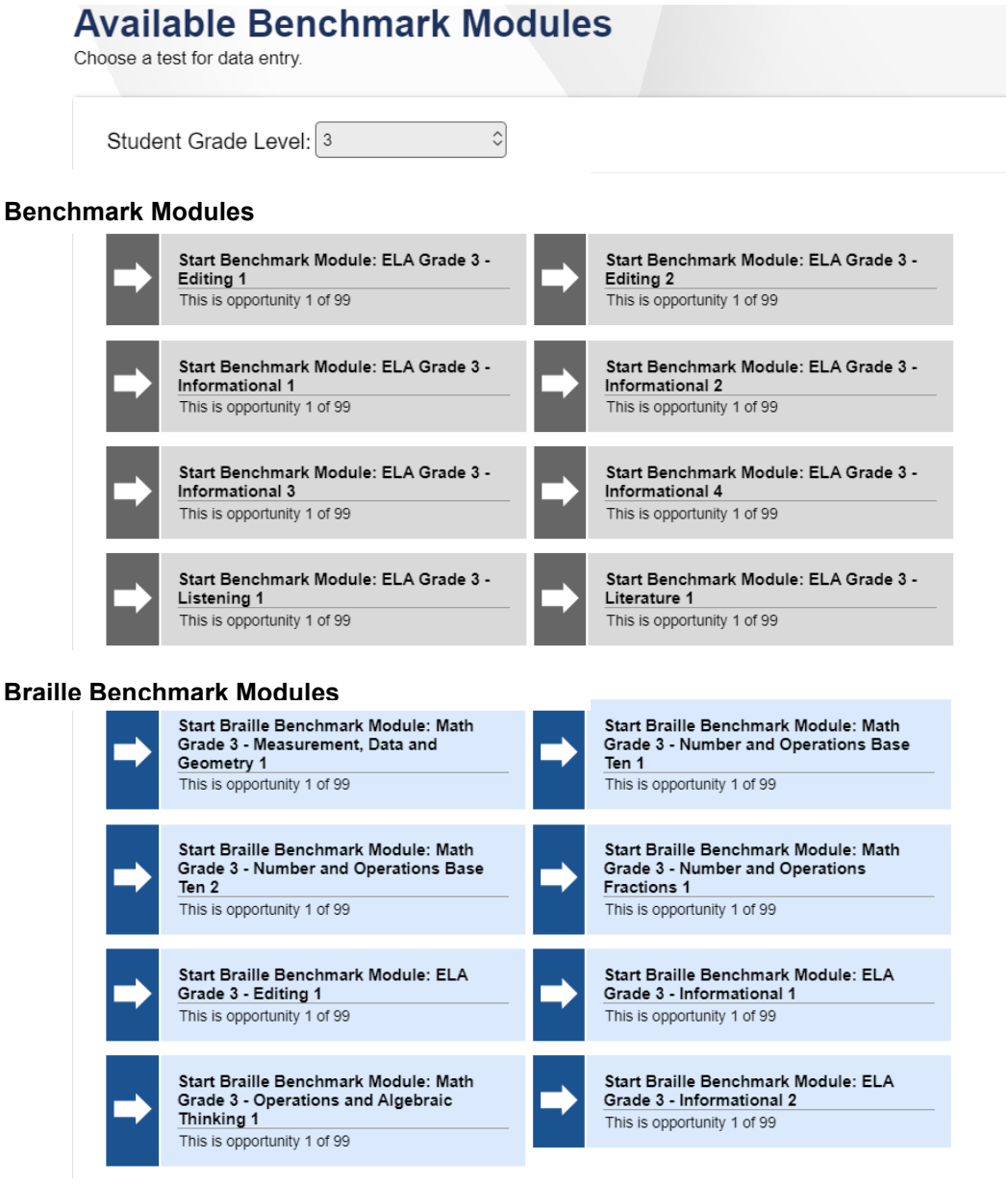
Previewing Benchmark Modules for Instructional Use

This section explains how to select tests to review in the Benchmark Module Previewing System.

Step 1 – Choosing a Benchmark Module Grade and Benchmark Module

On the ***Available Tests*** page, you select the grade level of the benchmark module you wish to review and then select a benchmark module.

Available Benchmark Modules Page



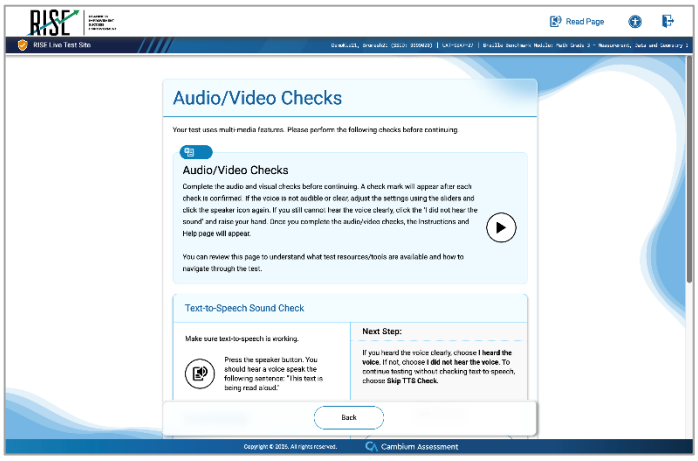
To select a grade and benchmark module:

1. From the drop-down list, select the required grade level. The tests available for the selected grade appears.
2. Click the required benchmark module name.

Step 2 – Functionality Checks

Depending on the assessment content, you may need to verify that your device is functioning properly from the ***Audio/Video Checks*** page (see Figure 55).

Figure 55. Audio/Video Checks Page



Each functionality check appears in its own panel. To proceed to the first assessment page, do the following:

- Verify each functionality, then click **Continue**. A green check mark will appear in the upper-right corner of the functionality panel that you have verified.

The page may consist of any of the following functionality checks:

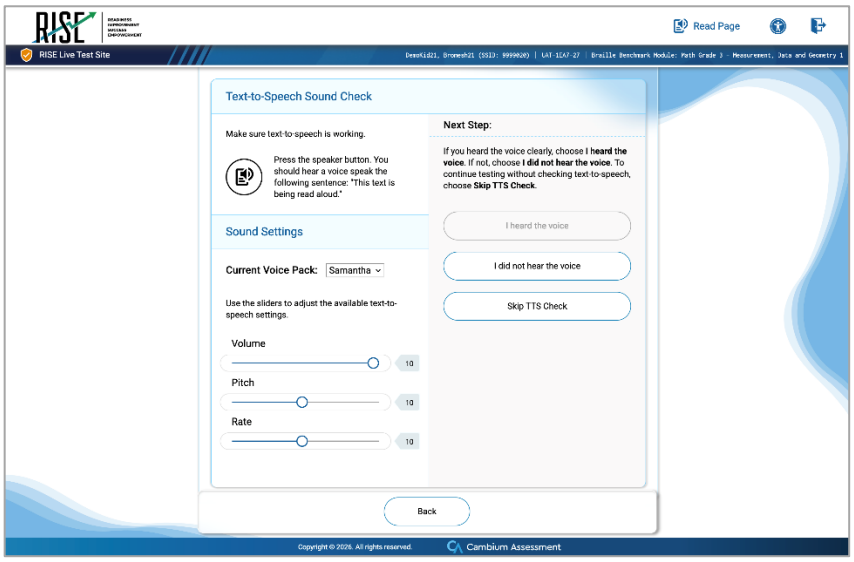
- Audio Playback Check
- Sound and Video Playback Check

*Please note: To return to the page in this manual that you were on before clicking a link, use one of the following keyboard shortcuts: **Alt** + **Left Arrow** (for Windows Operating System [OS] on laptops or tablets when viewing the file in Adobe Reader) or **Command** + **Left Arrow** (for Mac OS X on laptops or tablets when viewing the file in Adobe Reader). Please note that these keyboard shortcuts do not apply to Chromebooks. If the keyboard shortcuts do not work or apply to your device, you can also scroll back to your previous location.*

Audio Playback Check

The *Audio Playback Check* panel appears for assessments with listening questions. On this panel, you must verify that you can hear the sample audio.

Audio Playback Check Panel



To check audio settings:

1. Select the icon and listen to the audio.

2. Depending on the sound quality, do one of the following:

   - If the sound is audible, select **I heard the sound**.

   - If the sound is not audible, select **I did not hear the sound**. The *Sound Check: Audio Problem* panel appears.

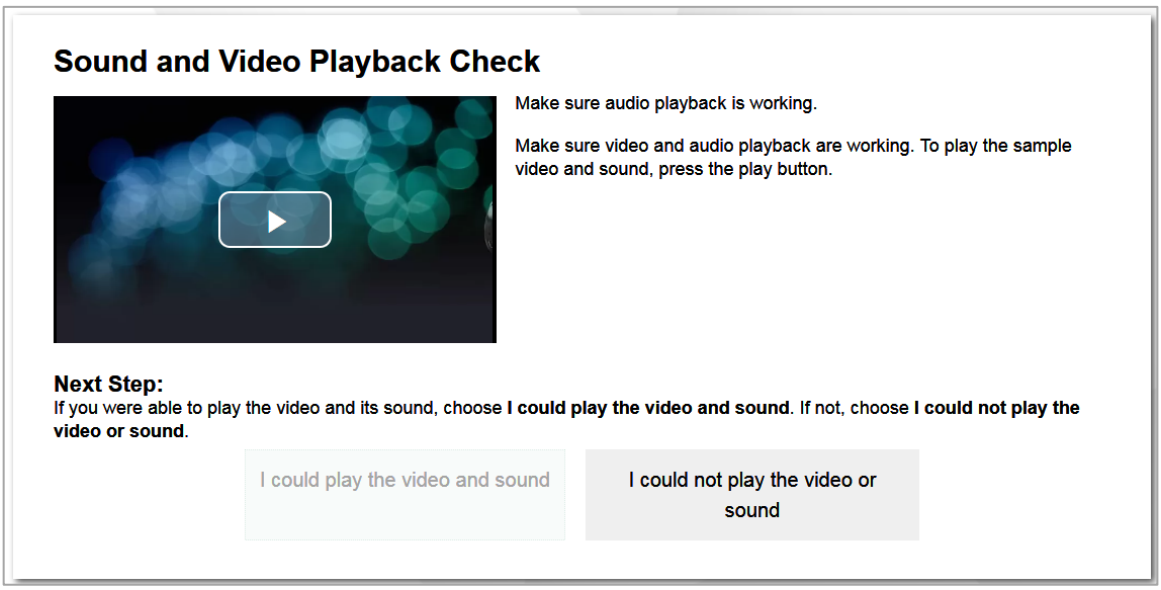
     - To try again, click **Try Again**. This takes you back to the *Audio Playback Check* panel.

Sound and Video Playback Check

The *Sound and Video Playback Check* panel appears for assessments with video content. On this panel, you must verify that you can view the sample video and hear its associated sound.

Note: If this panel is available on the ***Audio/Video Checks*** page, the *Audio Playback Check* panel is not displayed, since the *Sound and Video Playback Check* panel also verifies audio functionality.

Video Check Panel



To check sound and video settings:

1. Select the ▶ icon to play the video and audio.
2. Depending on the playback quality, do one of the following:
   - If you can play the video and sound, select **I could play the video and sound**.
   - If you cannot play the video or sound, select **I could not play the video or sound**. The *Video Playback Problem* panel appears.
     - To try again, click **Try Again**. This takes you back to the *Sound and Video Playback Check* panel.

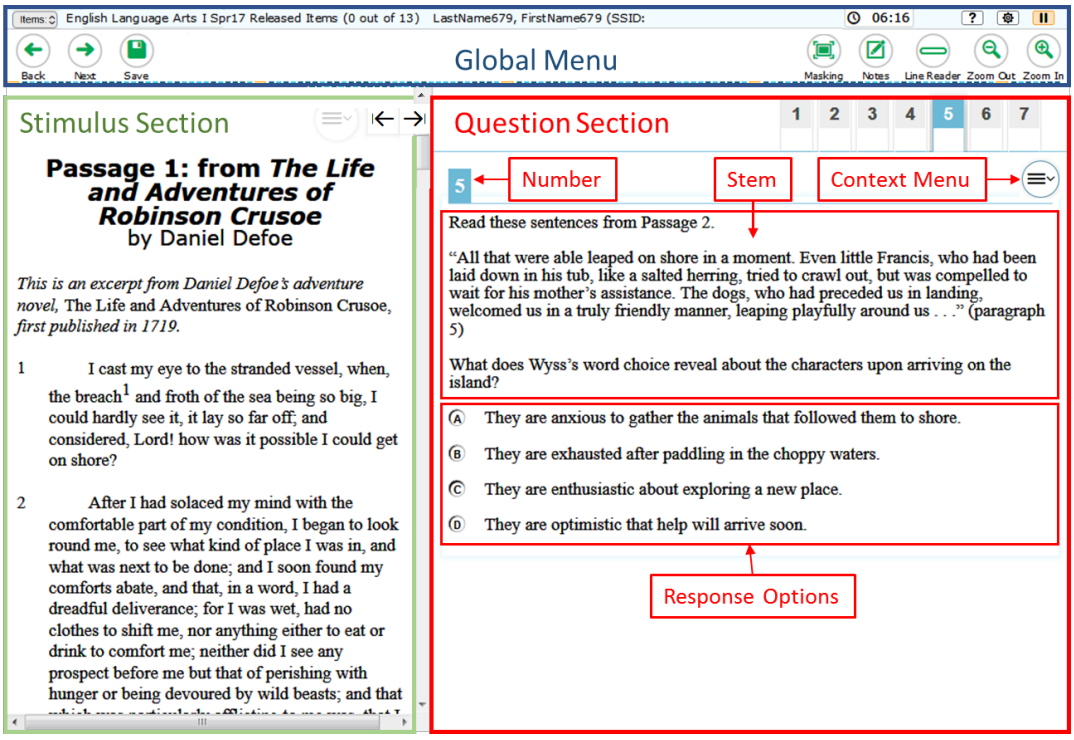
Note: If the audio or video does not work, you can click in the upper-right corner of the page to log out. You can troubleshoot the device and headphones or move to another device.

Understanding the Benchmark Module Previewing System

The figure below displays a sample benchmark module page. Some pages may have only one question, and others may have multiple questions. Questions may also be associated with a stimulus, such as a reading passage or video.

Note: Depending on how an item has been composed, part of the item may be included within the stimulus section.

Sample Benchmark Module Page



Benchmark Module Rules and Navigation While Previewing

This section describes how to navigate a benchmark module, pause a benchmark module, and complete a benchmark module review in the Benchmark Module Previewing System.

Responding to Questions

When viewing a benchmark module, you can practice responding to the questions. The responses you enter will not be scored when you complete the test review.

Note: Grouped questions may be paginated to appear individually. Tabs for each question in the group appear in the upper-right corner of the page. These tabs may also include a stimulus icon that you can click to view the stimulus associated with the grouped questions.

Question Buttons



Navigating to Questions

You can navigate to questions page-by-page or jump directly to a question's page.

- To navigate page-by-page, click the **Back** or **Next** buttons at the top of the screen.
- To jump directly to a benchmark module page, select the required question number from the drop-down list.

Pausing Benchmark Modules

You may pause the benchmark module at any time but pausing the benchmark module automatically logs you out of the Benchmark Module Previewing System. To return to the benchmark module, you must log back in and select the benchmark module again.

To pause the test:

1. Click in the upper-right corner. A confirmation message appears.
2. Click **Yes** to confirm that you want to pause the test.

Benchmark Module Timeout

The Benchmark Module Previewing System automatically pauses the benchmark module and logs you out after 20 minutes of inactivity.

Note: Before the Benchmark Module Previewing System logs you out, a warning message appears on the screen. If you do not click **OK** within 30 seconds, you are logged out.

Finishing the Benchmark Module Review

After viewing all the questions in a test, the **Finished** button appears in the global menu.

Figure 56. Finished Button in Global Menu



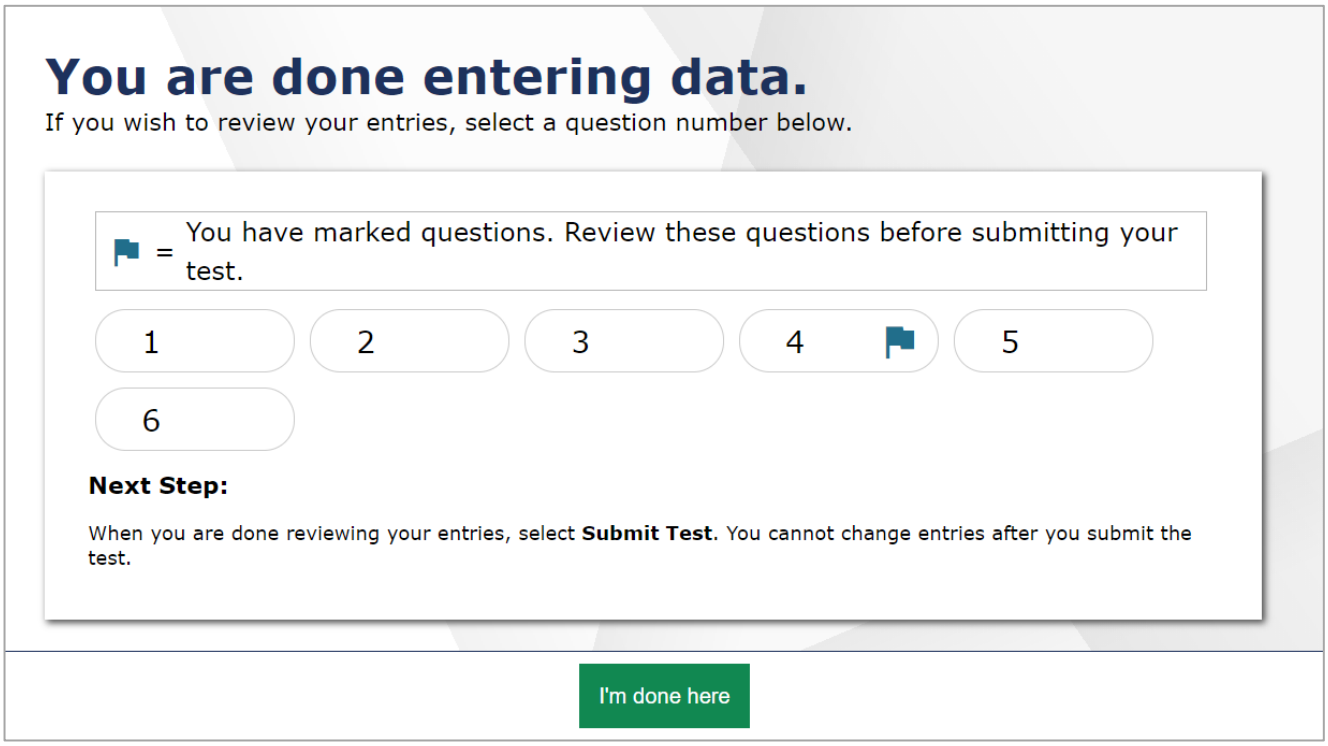
When you click **Finished**, a confirmation message appears, giving you two options:

- To complete the benchmark module, click **Yes**.
- To continue reviewing the benchmark module, click **No**.

Reviewing Marked Questions

The ***You are done entering data.*** page gives you one more opportunity to review questions.

You are Done Entering Data Page



To review questions again:

1. Click the question number you want to review. The page for that question appears.
    - You can navigate the benchmark module as you did when initially entering responses. The navigation buttons are still available in the global menu.
    - To return to the ***You are done entering data.*** page, click **Finished**.
2. To complete your review, click **I'm done here.**

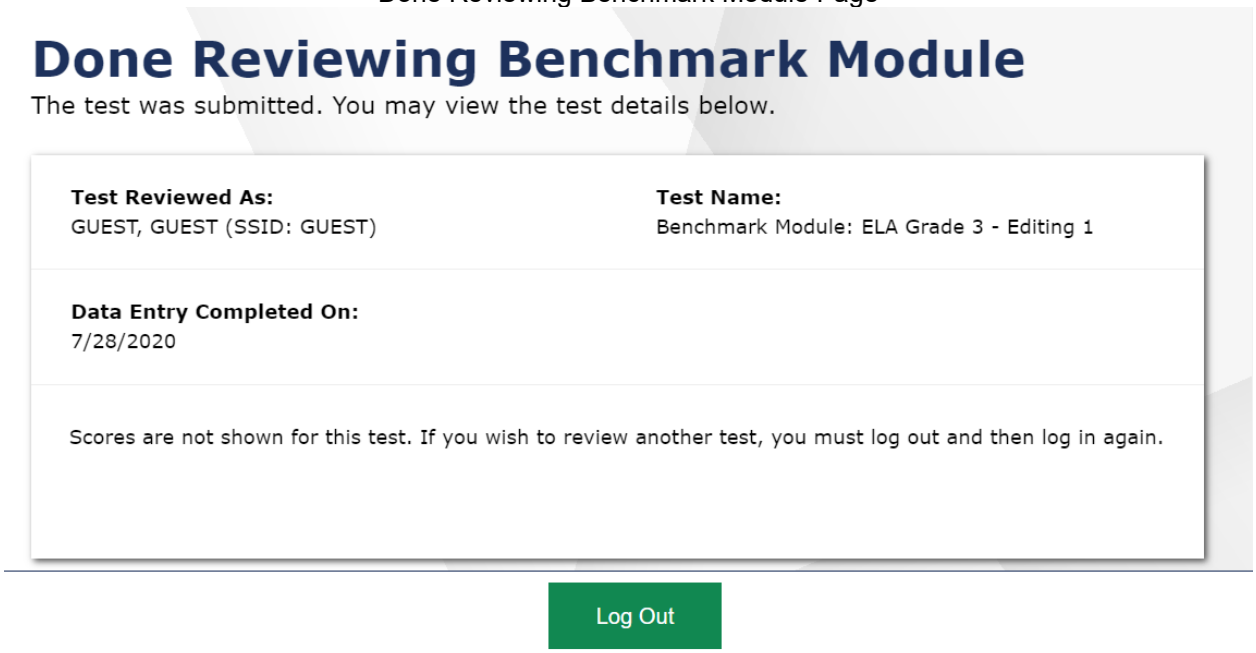
Completing the Review and Logging Out

After reviewing the questions, the Benchmark Module Previewing System displays a final warning message asking if you are sure you are done reviewing the benchmark module. The warning message gives you two options:

- To return to the ***You are done entering data.*** page, click **No**.
- To complete your review of the benchmark module, click **Yes**.

The ***Done Reviewing Benchmark Module*** page appears when your review is complete.

Done Reviewing Benchmark Module Page



- Click **Log Out**. The Benchmark Module Previewing System ***Login*** page appears. If you wish to review another benchmark module, you must log in again.