

## SAGE assessments are fair and accurate, reflect Utah's cultural values, and accurately assess the Utah Core Standards.

SAGE assessments are unique to Utah. They were developed specifically for Utah students according to a rigorous and inclusive test development process. This process includes development workshops involving Utah general and special education teachers and numerous reviews by the Utah State Office of Education (USOE), test development experts, Utah educators and citizens, and a parent test review committee composed of Utah parents.



### If you would like to

- Take a training test,
- Preview sample question types, or
- Learn more about adaptive tests, visit [www.sageportal.org](http://www.sageportal.org).

## What is a computer adaptive test?

Every time a student answers a question, his or her response helps determine the next question that the student must answer. The difficulty of the test will adjust to each student's skills, providing a better measure of what each student knows and can do.

## SAGE test questions were reviewed by Utah parents.

In November 2013, the Parent Review Committee, composed of fifteen Utah parents who were appointed by the Utah State Senate President, the Utah Speaker of the House and the Utah State Board of Education Chair, spent five days reviewing SAGE test questions. Every member of the committee made positive comments about the process and the general content of the questions. A parent committee will meet each fall to review any new questions as well as review any revised questions from the previous year. New members will be selected each year to fill the vacancies of parents completing their term of appointment. Parents wishing to participate on this committee should contact the State Board of Education chair, the Speaker of the House, or the Senate President.

*"I didn't see any real social problems with the test or things that would be controversial. [W]e all feel comfortable with the test."*

*-Alean Hunt, Parent Review committee member  
-as quoted by the Deseret News*

### For more information...

Visit the Utah SAGE Portal at [www.sageportal.org](http://www.sageportal.org).



## Information for Special Educators and IEP Teams on Utah's SAGE Assessment System for Students with Disabilities



SAGE is Utah's Assessment System  
Utah owns and controls  
this assessment

Developed by Utah for Utah

## SAGE stands for Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence.

SAGE is a system of assessments designed to measure student success and growth over the years. SAGE tests are based on the Utah Core Standards, a set of academic standards that raise our expectations for students and teachers. The SAGE system includes:

- Summative end-of-year tests that assess how our schools and districts are doing. These tests replace the CRTs that were previously administered at the end of the school year.
- Interim fall and winter tests that monitor student progress. These tests are administered by the schools and districts that are choosing to implement them.
- A formative assessment tool available online to students, families, and teachers that provides materials to support instruction.

## Students will start taking the SAGE assessments this year.

Full participation includes EL students, students with an IEP, and students with a Section 504 plan. Beginning spring 2014, students will take each test required for their grade level/course. The chart below outlines which assessments are available.

### SAGE Assessments

Subject	Grades/Course
ELA	3-11 Writing
	3-11 Reading, Language, and Listening
Math	3-8 Math
	Secondary Math I, II, III
Science	4-8 Science
	Biology
	Earth Science
	Chemistry
	Physics

## Alternate assessment options for the SAGE assessments.

As stated, all students in the grades/subjects described are expected to participate in the SAGE Summative assessment for that grade/course, unless a student has a significant cognitive disability and the IEP team has determined the student will take Utah's Alternate Assessment (UAA) for Science, or the Dynamic Learning Maps Assessment for English Language Arts and Mathematics, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. More information about alternate assessments may be found at <http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/Assessment.asp>.

## SAGE assessments are standards-based, adaptive, and Utah specific.

- Standards-based: Every student will be assessed on the full breadth and depth of Utah Core Standards.
- Adaptive: Each student will be assessed at his or her level of grade level achievement, providing precise estimates of what each student knows and can do.
- Utah-specific: Test questions and the data used to adapt come from Utah this year.

## SAGE assessments will guide students with an IEP through their individual goals.

SAGE will measure a student's growth from fall to spring and from spring to spring as students move through successive grades.

SAGE will also provide data and information that can be used to develop a student's IEP goals and guide instruction in alignment with the Utah Core Standards.

## Resources and IEP Accommodations available on the SAGE assessments.

Resources for All Students	
<b>Features in the SAGE assessment that are available for all students without the need of an IEP, 504 or ELL plan.</b>	
Alternate location	Extended time
Assistive communication devices	Graphic Organizer
Audio amplification	Highlight
Breaks	Human reader
Calculation devices & Computation tables	Magnification
Change order of activities	Minimize distractions
Color adjustments	Scratch paper & Graph paper
Descriptive audio	Spell check
Directions – oral translation	Strike through
Directions – reread	Text-to-Speech
Directions – signed	Descriptive audio
Environment change	
IEP Accommodations	
<b>Accommodations that must be included in a student's IEP to be available during the SAGE assessment.</b>	
Braille/Tactile graphics for students who are blind	Sign language (ASL)
Handheld calculation device & Computation table	Standard size paper
Large print paper	Visual Representation
Scribe	

More information regarding the Resources and IEP Accommodations can be found in the Accommodations Policy, located at <http://www.schools.utah.gov/assessment/Special-Needs/ScribeGuidelines.aspx>