



Online Testing System Test Administrators Quick Guide 2018–2019

Section I. Test Administration Quick Guide

The Online Testing System has two components:

- Test Administrators (TAs) use the TA Interface to create and manage test sessions.
- Students use the Student Testing Site to take the tests.

TA Interface: Login and Test Setup

1. On the South Dakota Smarter Balanced Assessment Program portal (<http://sd.portal.airast.org>), select the **Test Administrators** card.
2. Click the **Interim & Summative Test Administration** card to access the TA Interface. The login page appears.
3. Enter your email address and password.
4. Click **Secure Login**. The TA Interface appears.
 - a. If the **Enter Code** page appears, an email containing an authentication code is sent to your address. Enter the emailed code and click **Submit**.

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

TA Interface Card



Login Page

Email Address

Password

[Forgot Your Password?](#)

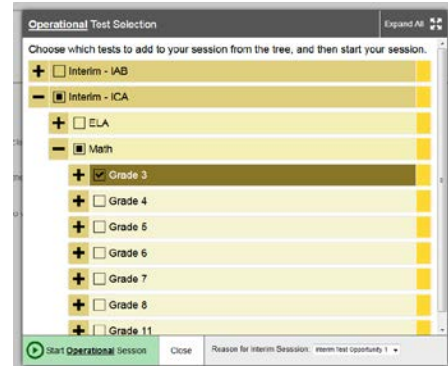
Secure Login



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5. Start a test session.
 - a. In the **Test Selection** window, select the tests to administer.
 - b. Click **Start Session**. The session ID appears at the top of the page.
 - c. (Optional) If administering Interim tests, select the appropriate Reason for Interim Session drop-down option and click **Start Operational Session**.
6. Provide the session ID to the students signing in to your test session.

TA Interface: Select Tests, Start Session



7. Have students sign in to the Student Testing Site using their first name, SSID, and the session ID from step [5.b](#). For more information about the student login process, see the section [For Students: About the Testing Process](#).

Student Testing Site: Sign In

Please Sign In

First Name:

Student ID:




Session ID:

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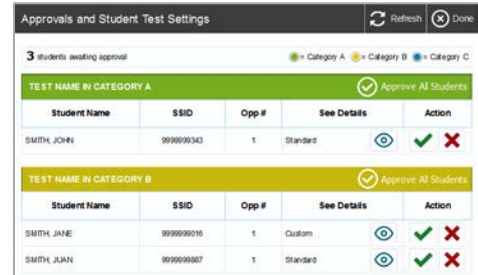


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8. Approve students for testing. When students select tests, the **Approvals** box in the upper-right corner of the TA Interface shows notifications. Click **Approvals** to view the list of students awaiting approval.

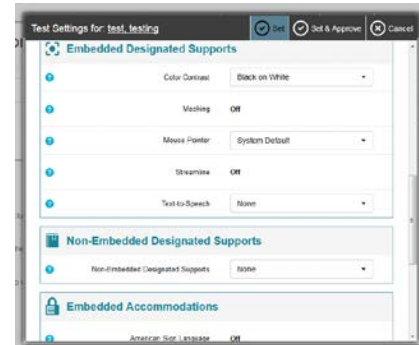
- To review and update a student’s test settings and accommodations, click  in that student’s row. **Note:** It is recommended that TAs print student settings from TIDE to review while approving students.
- To approve an individual student for testing, click .
- To deny a student for testing, click  and enter the reason in the box.
- To approve all students for a given test or segment, click **Approve All Students** for that test or segment.

TA Interface: Approve Students





Student Name	SSID	Opp #	See Details	Action
TEST NAME IN CATEGORY A Approve All Students				
SMITH JOHN	999999343	1 Standard		
TEST NAME IN CATEGORY B Approve All Students				
SMITH JANE	999999016	1 Custom		
SMITH JUAN	999999887	1 Standard		

TA Interface: Edit Student Test Settings

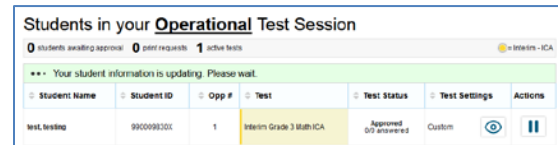


9. Monitor the students’ progress throughout their tests. Students’ test statuses appear in the Student Status column of the **Students in Your Test Session** table.

This column also displays the number of test questions the student has answered out of the total number of questions in the test.

- Click  to pause an individual student’s test. If a student’s test is paused for more than 20 minutes, that student cannot review any questions completed before the test was paused.
- Click  to view a student’s full information, including current test settings.

TA Interface: Students Currently Testing




Student Name	Student ID	Opp #	Test	Test Status	Test Settings	Actions
test_testing	990099300	1	Interim Grade 3 Math ICA	Approved (0% Answered)	Custom	



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10. When the time is up, stop the test session and log out.

TA Interface: Stop Session

- a. Click  to stop the session and automatically pause any in-progress tests in your session.
- b. Click **Log Out** to exit the TA Interface.



Once you stop a session, you cannot resume it. If you stop a session and students need to continue testing, start a new session.

For Students: About the Testing Process

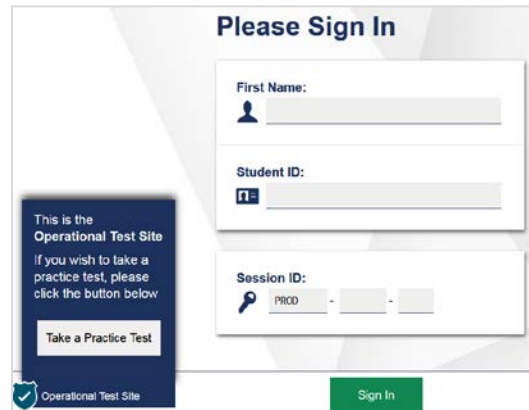
Sign In

1. Open the secure browser. The **Student Sign-In** page appears.
2. Enter your first name, SSID, and the session ID.
3. Select **Sign In**.

Common Login Errors:

- **The first name and SSID do not match.** This indicates that the first name entered does not match the first name associated with the SSID.
- **The session ID is not available.** The session ID entered is not an available test session. Verify that you entered the session ID correctly.

Students: Secure Browser Sign-In Page



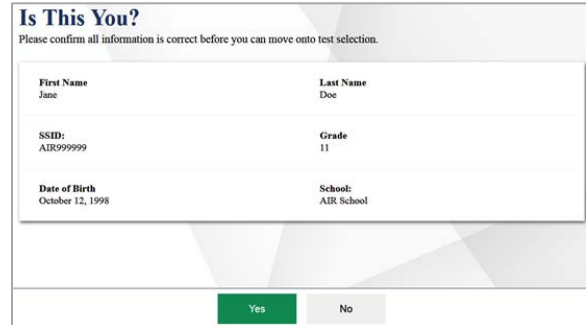


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Verify Student Information

Students: Is This You? Page

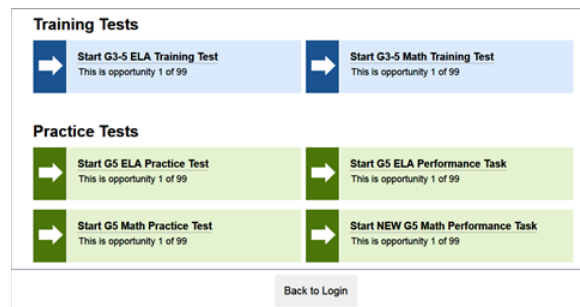
4. After you sign in, the **Is This You?** page appears. Verify that the information on this page is correct.
 - a. If you are signed in as a guest, skip to step [6](#).
5. Select **Yes** to continue.



Select an Available Test

Students: Your Tests Page

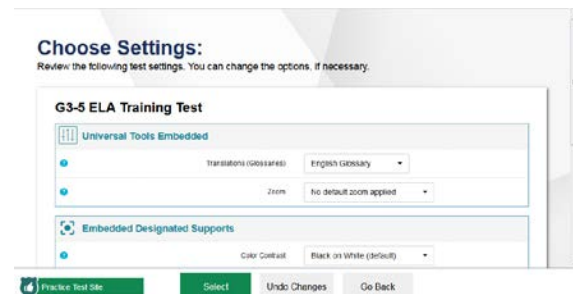
6. On the **Your Tests** page, if available, select the test you need to take.
 - a. If you are signed in as a guest, select your grade from the **Student Grade Level** drop-down list to view the available tests.
7. Wait for the TA to check your test settings and approve your participation.



Verify Test Information

Students: Choose Settings Page

8. For practice tests, review the information on the **Choose Settings** page, if available, and verify that your test settings are correct. Select **Select** when you are ready.
9. The **Audio/Video Checks** page may appear, depending on the test.
 - a. If you are testing with text-to-speech (TTS), play the sample TTS audio to verify that it reads the text aloud.





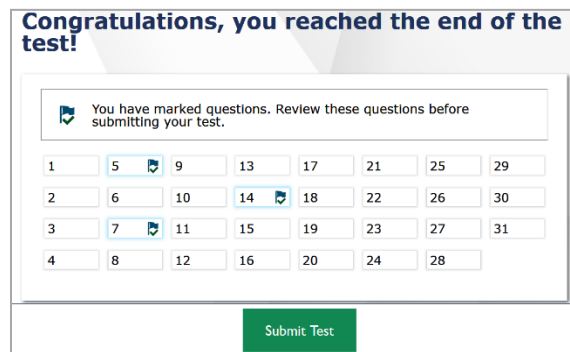
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- b. If the test contains audio content, play the sample audio to verify that you can hear it clearly.
3. On the **Instructions and Help** page, review the test instructions and your test settings, if desired.
4. Select **Begin Test Now** to start the test.

Complete the Test

End Test Page

1. On each page of the test, answer all the questions before selecting **Next** to proceed to the next page.
2. After completing the last question on the test, select **End Test**.
3. On the **End Test** page, select a question number to return to the test and review answers, or select **Submit Test** to complete the testing process. Once you submit the test, you can no longer modify any responses.



Congratulations, you reached the end of the test!

You have marked questions. Review these questions before submitting your test.

1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29
2	6	10	14	18	22	26	30
3	7	11	15	19	23	27	31
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	

Submit Test

You can pause a test at any point. If you pause for more than 20 minutes, you cannot review any questions completed before pausing, unless you paused on a page with incomplete questions.



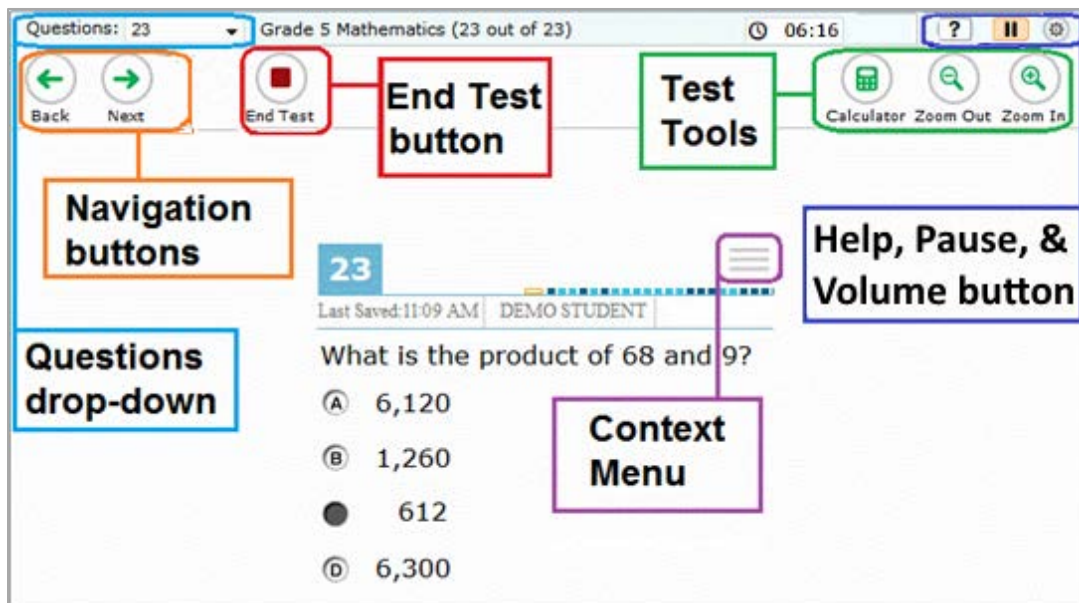
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Test Layout and Tools

This section provides an overview of the Online Testing System’s available tools and where they are located.

[Figure 1](#) shows the basic test layout and primary tools available in the Student Testing Site.

Figure 1. Test Layout



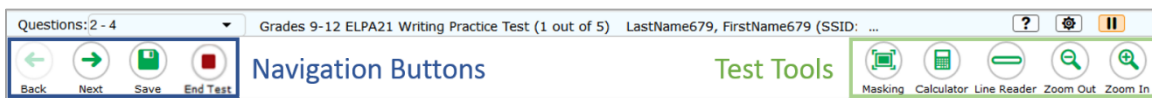
Global and Context Menus

The global and context menus allow students to access on-screen tools. Students can access these tools using a mouse or keyboard shortcuts.

About the Global Menu

The global menu at the top of the test page contains navigation buttons on the left and tool buttons on the right (see [Figure 2](#)).

Figure 2. Global Menu



To open a test tool in the global menu:

1. Select the button for the tool. The selected test tool activates.



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About the Context Menus

Each test page may include several elements, such as the question, answer options, and stimulus. The context menu for each element contains tools applicable to that element (see [Figure 3](#) and [Figure 4](#)).

Figure 3. Context Menu for Questions

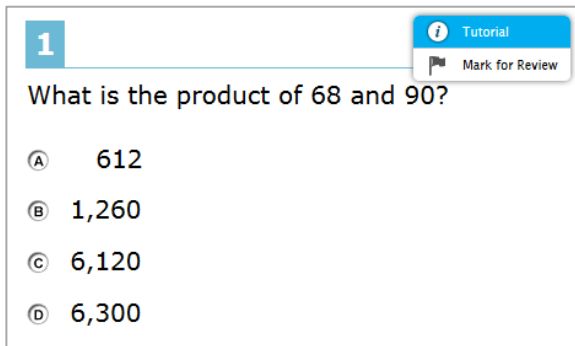
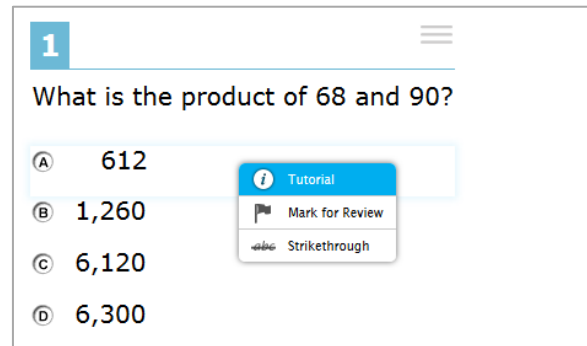



Figure 4. Context Menu for Answer Options



Opening a Context Menu for Stimuli and Questions

Students can access context menus by right-clicking elements or by selecting elements and then clicking the context menu button.

To access the context menu for a passage or question:

1. Click the context menu  button in the upper-right corner of the stimulus or question. The context menu opens.
2. Select a tool.

Opening a Context Menu for Answer Options

Students can use the context menu to access tools for answer options in a multiple-choice or multi-select question.

To access an answer option's context menu:

1. To open the context menu, do one of the following:
 - If you are using a **two-button mouse**, right-click an answer option.
 - If you are using a **single-button mouse**, click an answer option while pressing **Ctrl**.
 - If you are using a **Chromebook**, click an answer option while pressing **Alt**.
 - If you are using a **tablet**, tap the answer option and then tap the context menu button (this selects the answer option until you select a different option).



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2. Select a tool from the context menu.












Available Test Tools

[Table 1](#) lists the tools available in the *Global Menu* section of the test page, while [Table 2](#) lists the tools available in the *Question* and *Stimulus* sections (context menu tools).



Note: Some tools are available for all tests, while others are only available when testing in a particular subject or when testing with a particular accommodation.

Table 1. Global Tools

Tool Name	Instructions
Help 	To view the on-screen Help Guide window, select the question mark  button in the upper-right corner.
Calculator 	To use the on-screen calculator, select Calculator in the global menu.
Dictionary 	To look up definitions and synonyms in the Merriam-Webster dictionary or thesaurus, select Dictionary in the global menu.
Line Reader 	To highlight an individual line of text in a passage or question, select Line Reader in the global menu. This tool is not available while the Highlighter tool is in use.
Masking 	The Masking tool temporarily covers a distracting area of the test page. To use this tool: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select Masking in the global menu. 2. Click and drag across the distracting area. To close the Masking tool, select Masking again. To remove a masked area, select X in the upper-right corner of that area.
Notes 	To enter notes in an on-screen notepad, select Notes in the global menu.
Print Page 	To print the entire test page, select Print Page in the global menu.
Print Passage 	To print a reading passage, select Print Passage in the global menu.
System Settings 	To adjust audio volume during the test, select  in the upper-right corner. Students testing with TTS can also use this tool to adjust TTS settings. Students testing on mobile devices cannot use this tool to adjust volume. To adjust audio volume on mobile devices, students must use the device's built-in volume control.



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Tool Name	Instructions
Zoom buttons 	To enlarge the text and images on a test page, select Zoom In . Multiple zoom levels are available. To undo zooming, select Zoom Out .

Table 2. Question and Stimulus Tools

Tool Name	Instructions
American Sign Language	You can watch videos that translate test content into American Sign Language (ASL). <i>To view ASL videos:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> From the context menu, select American Sign Language. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If only one ASL video is available, the video opens automatically. If multiple ASL videos are available, sign language (👋) icons appear next to the test content for each video. Select the icon for the test content you wish to translate into ASL.
Closed Captioning	Questions and stimuli with audio elements automatically display closed captions for students testing with the appropriate accommodations.
Expand buttons	You can expand the passage section or the question section for easier readability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To expand the passage section, select the right arrow icon → below the global menu. To collapse the expanded passage section, select the left arrow icon ← in the upper-right corner. To expand the question section, select the left arrow icon ← below the global menu. To collapse the expanded question section, select the right arrow icon → in the upper-left corner.
Glossary (Word List)	To open the glossary, click a word or phrase that has a border around it.
Highlighter	To highlight text, select the text on the screen and then select Highlight Selection from the context menu. If multiple color options are available, select an option from the list of colors that appears. To remove highlighting, select Reset Highlighting from the context menu. Text in images cannot be highlighted. This tool is not available while the Line Reader tool is in use.
Presentation/Language	For items and stimuli with both English and Spanish content, you can specify the language in which the content is displayed for easier readability.



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Tool Name	Instructions
Mark for Review	To mark a question for review, select Mark for Review from the context menu. The question number displays a flap  in the upper-right corner and a flag icon  appears next to the number on the test page. The Questions drop-down list displays (marked) for the question.
Notepad	To enter notes for a question, select Notepad from the context menu. After entering a note, a pencil icon  appears next to the question number on the test page. You can only access your notes for a question on that question's test page.
Print Item	To send a print request for an individual question, select Print Item from the context menu. After sending the request, a printer icon  appears next to the question number on the test page.
Select Previous Version	To view and restore responses previously entered for a Text Response question, select the Select Previous Version option from the context menu. A list of saved responses appears. Select the appropriate response and click Select .
Strikethrough	For selected-response questions, you can cross out an answer option to focus on the options you think might be correct. There are two options for using this tool: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option A: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To activate Strikethrough mode, open the context menu and select Strikethrough. b. Select each answer option you wish to strike out. c. To deactivate Strikethrough mode, press Esc or click outside the question's response area. • Option B: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Right-click an answer option and select Strikethrough.
Text-to-Speech	To listen to passages and questions, select a Speak option from the context menu.
Tutorial	To view a short video demonstrating how to respond to a particular question type, select Tutorial from the context menu.