



Guidance on Testing Multiple Grades/Courses Concurrently in the Same Testing Environment

Introduction

The Purpose of this documentation is to provide additional guidance for schools that wish to schedule multiple testing grades/courses of students in the same testing environment at the same time.

Schools may schedule different grades/courses of students in the same environment at the same time, provided that the unit test time, content area and administration script are the same. For example, English language arts/literacy (ELA/L) Unit 1, students in grades 6 and 7 may be combined into the same testing environment because all grades have the same unit testing time and use the same administration script. Grade 3 paper-based testing (PBT) must be separate from grades 4 and 5 for Mathematics because the administration directions differ due to different testing materials (i.e. grade 3 has test booklets, and grades 4 and 5 have test booklets and answer documents). However, grade 3 computer-based testing (CBT) can be in the same environment as grades 4 and 5 since the directions and materials are the same. Guidance on which grades can be combined into the same testing environment is provided below.

A **separate** testing environment is needed for:

- Paper-based and computer-based (administration scripts are different).
- English language arts/literacy (ELA/L) and mathematics (testing times and administration scripts are different).
- Student directions read aloud in a language other than English.
- Students with the following accommodations:
 - Student Reads Assessment Aloud to Self
 - Speech-to-Text
 - Human Scribe
 - Human Signer
 - Assistive Technology with no headphones
 - It is recommended that students with extended time are tested separately to minimize distraction.

Note: Schools cannot combine students with the Human Reader accommodation across grades/courses.

English Language Arts/Literacy – Computer-Based Testing

Unit	Grades that May be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Times
Unit 1	Grade 3	75
	Grades 4-7	90
Unit 2	Grade 3	75
	Grades 4-7	90

English Language Arts/Literacy – Paper Based Testing

Unit	Grades that May be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Times
Unit 1	Grade 3	75
	Grades 4-7	90
Unit 2	Grade 3	75
	Grades 4-7	90

Mathematics – Computer Based Testing

Unit	Grades that May be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Times
Unit 1	Grades 3-5 (Non-Calculator)	60
	Grades 6-7 (Non-Calculator and Calculator)	60
Unit 2	Grades 3-5 (Non-Calculator)	60
	Grades 6-7 (Calculator)	60
Unit 3	Grades 3-5 (Non-Calculator)	60
	Grades 6-7 (Calculator)	60

Mathematics- Paper Based Testing

Unit	Grades that May be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Times
Unit 1	Grade 3 (Non-Calculator)	60
	Grades 4-5 (Non-Calculator)	60
	Grades 6-7 (Non-Calculator and Calculator)	60
Unit 2	Grade 3	60
	Grades 4-5 (Non-Calculator)	60
	Grades 6-7 (Calculator)	60
Unit 3	Grade 3	60
	Grades 4-5 (Non-Calculator)	60
	Grades 6-7 (Calculator)	60