



## 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, for the English Arts 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, but 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 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
	Grade 4,5,6,7, 8, 10	90
Unit 2	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4,5,6,7, 8, 10	90

### English Language Arts/Literacy- Paper Based Testing

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Unit 1	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4,5,6,7, 8, 10	90
Unit 2	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4,5,6, 7, 8, 10	90



### Mathematics- Computer Based Testing

Unit	Grades that May be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Times
Unit 1	Grade 3,4,5,8 (Non-Calculator)	60
	Grade 6, 7 (Non-Calculator and Calculator)	60
	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (Non-Calculator and Calculator)	90
Unit 2	Grade 3, 4, 5 (Non-Calculator)	60
	Grade 6, 7, 8 (Calculator)	60
	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (Calculator)	90
Unit 3	Grade 3,4,5 (Non-Calculator)	60
	Grade 6, 7, 8 (Calculator)	60
	There is no Unit 3 for Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	

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	Grade 6, 7 (Non-Calculator and Calculator)	60
	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (Non-Calculator and Calculator)	90
Unit 2	Grade 3	60
	Grade 4, 5 (Non-Calculator)	60
	Grade 6,7,8 (Calculator)	60
	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (Calculator)	90
Unit 3	Grade 3	60
	Grade 4,5 (Non-Calculator)	60
	Grade 6, 7, 8 (Calculator)	60
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