



# FAQ WY-TOPP TOOLKIT FOR TEACHERS

## WHAT IS WY-TOPP?

The Wyoming Test of Proficiency and Progress (WY-TOPP) is a system of interim, modular on-demand, and summative assessments in English language arts, writing, mathematics, and science. The WY-TOPP interim assessments in reading and mathematics are administered in fall for grades 1-10, in winter for grades 3-10. In spring, the interim reading and math assessments will be administered for grades K-2. The WY-TOPP science assessment is administered in grades 4, 8, and 10. The WY-TOPP writing assessment is administered in grades 3, 5, 7, and 9. The WY-TOPP summative assessments are administered late-spring in grades 3-10.

## IS THE TEST WYOMING SPECIFIC?

Yes, WY-TOPP is a customized summative and interim assessment system built for Wyoming using items aligned to the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards (WYCPS).

## WHAT IS THE SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT?

Summative assessments are end-of-year, standards-based, adaptive assessments which provides detailed reporting at the domain level. Students in third-10th grades take the WY-TOPP summative assessment in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Writing is assessed in third, fifth, seventh and ninth grades; Science is assessed in fourth, eighth and 10th grades.

## WHAT ARE THE INTERIM ASSESSMENTS?

Interim assessments are similar to the summative assessment in that they are built with similar items, but are shorter and administered during seasonal testing windows. In grades 3-10, the interim assessment is adaptive and offers instant, detailed reporting at the domain level, and educators can see each student's response to items. The K-2 interims are optional fixed-form assessments.

## WHAT ARE THE MODULAR ASSESSMENTS?

Modular assessments are standards-based, fixed form assessments divided by topic to measure subsets of the standards and offer instant, detailed reporting for teachers. These assessments are domain specific (e.g., unit exams), and are available on demand in first-11th grades.



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## IS WY-TOPP ALIGNED TO THE NEW 2016 SCIENCE STANDARDS?

The new 2016 Science Standards will not be fully assessed on the summative assessment until Spring 2021. This allows school districts three school years to fully implement the new standards. Until then, the science summative assessment will assess students on the 2008 Science Standards

## HOW DOES THE STANDARDS-BASED ADAPTIVE ALGORITHM WORK? HOW DOES IT ASSESS KIDS ABOVE OR BELOW GRADE LEVEL?

The assessment item includes items that are identified to assess the different levels of understanding. Students are presented with items aligned to grade-level standards with varying levels of difficulty. Items selected for each student depend on the student's performance on previously selected items. Thus, each student is presented with a set of items that most accurately align with his or her proficiency-level based on grade-level content. Higher performance means a student will receive more difficult items, and lower performance means a student will receive less difficult items until test length requirements are met.

## WHAT ARE THE WY-TOPP SCORES USED FOR?

Student scores from the WY-TOPP summative assessment are used as school accountability measures for growth, equity, and achievement. In ninth and 10th grades, the scores are also used as the post-secondary readiness indicator. ACT will continue to be used for growth, equity, and readiness indicators in the accountability model, but not for achievement.

## HOW IS THE ASSESSMENT DELIVERED?

The WY-TOPP assessments are online. If a student's IEP states that a student needs an assessment available in Braille or on paper only, then a paper exam will be provided. The summative assessment also has the option to print on-demand.



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## 2019-2020 TEST ADMINISTRATION DATES

Assessment	Date(s)	Grade Level	Subjects Assessed	Mandatory	Notes
Modulars	On demand 9/10 - 6/12	Gr. 3-11	Reading, Writing, Math, and Science	No	
Fall Interim	9/10 – 10/4	Gr. 1-10	Reading, Writing, Math	No	
Winter Interim	1/14 – 2/7	Gr. 3-10	Reading, Writing, Math	No	
Spring Interim	4/14 – 5/8	Gr. K-2	Reading, Math	No	
Summative	4/14 – 5/8	Gr. 3-10	Reading and Math 3-10 Writing 3, 5, 7, 9 Science 4, 8, 10	Yes	

## WHEN ARE WY-TOPP RESULTS AVAILABLE?

The results for the modulars are available immediately after submission. The K-10 math interim results are available immediately after submission. The ELA interim results in grades K-2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 are available immediately after submission. ELA Interim and summative results in grades 3, 5, 7, and 9 are available approximately 10 days after submission.

## WHERE CAN I FIND THE PRACTICE TEST FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND PARENTS TO EXPERIENCE?

You can visit the Assessment Portal at [wyoassessment.org](http://wyoassessment.org) to experience a training test. The ELA and Math tests contain 20-24 items each for third-10th grades. The ELA tests for third, sixth, and ninth grades also include sample listening items. The science practice test includes item clusters.

## WHAT TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE ONLINE ASSESSMENTS?

A list of tools is available in the [Guidance for Accessibility and Accommodations](#) document.



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## WHAT UNIVERSAL TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR ALL STUDENTS?

- Breaks/Pausing
- Calculator
- Digital notepad
- English dictionary
- Expandable passages
- Highlighter
- Keyboard navigation
- Mark for review
- Math tools
- Mouse pointer (Size and Color)
- Noise buffers
- Scratch paper
- Spanish dictionary
- Spell check
- Strikethrough
- Tutorial
- Writing tools
- Zoom

## ARE THERE LIMITATIONS ON USING CALCULATORS DURING THE TEST?

Students will not be allowed to use hand-held calculators or tools other than those offered on the assessment platform. Specific math tools (i.e., protractor, calculator, etc) will be available on test items, when appropriate. A hand-held calculator may be used in place of the embedded calculator if the support is documented in an IEP or 504 Plan. See WY-TOPP Guidance for Accessibility and Accommodations manual for more information.

## IS THERE AN OPTION TO PRINT REPORTS FOR PARENTS IN SPANISH?

Yes, simply indicate Spanish in the report printing options.

## WHAT TYPE OF BRAILLE ASSESSMENTS ARE AVAILABLE?

The ELA assessment is available in the UEB Contracted form and the math and science assessments are available in UEB Contracted with Nemeth Braille Code. The summative assessments can be ordered in paper form, and are available online with refreshable Braille or Tiger embosser.

To learn more about WY-TOPP, visit the [Wyoming Department of Education website](#).