WDE FAQ
WY-TOPP for Teachers *updated 8/15/2022*

What is WY-TOPP?

WY-TOPP stands for Wyoming's Test of Proficiency and Progress. It assesses students on the **Wyoming Content and Performance Standards** in the content areas of ELA, math, and science. WY-TOPP is administered online with a computer-adaptive assessment and includes the end-of-year summative assessment, along with optional interim and modular assessments.

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.

What is the Summative Assessment?

Summative assessments are end-of-year, standards-based, adaptive assessments which support access and fairness in measuring all students while offering quick, detailed reporting at the domain level. Students in grades 3-10 take the WY-TOPP summative assessment in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Writing is assessed in grades 3, 5, 7, and 9; Science is assessed in grades 4, 8, and 10. **Assessment Blueprints** outline the content being assessed.

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 1-10, 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 fixed-form assessments. Students in grades 1-2 participate in the Fall Interims, and students in grades K-2 participate in the Spring Interims. Any WY-TOPP K-2 data may supplement other data used by schools to ensure students are proficient in reading by the end of third grade in order to meet **W.S. 21-3-401(c)**.

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 the teacher. These assessments are domain specific (e.g., exams by topic or unit) and are available on demand in grades 1-11 for ELA and Math and in grade bands for Science (elementary, middle school, and high school).

How Does the Standards-Based Adaptive Algorithm Work? How Does It Assess Kids Above or Below Grade Level?

The assessment item bank includes several items that are identified to assess different levels of understanding for various concepts. This can be done on grade, within the grade-level standards. 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 aligns with their proficiency level based on grade-level content. Higher performance is followed by more difficult items, and lower performance is followed by less difficult items until test length constraints 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 participation, growth, equity, and 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 on paper only, then a paper exam will be provided. There is also an option to print on-demand.

2022-23 Test Administration Dates – Assessment Calendar

Assessment	Date(s)	Grade Level	Subjects Assessed	Mandatory
Modulars	On demand 9/13 - 6/15	Gr. 3-10	ELA, Writing, Math, and Science	No
Fall Interims	9/13 - 10/7	Gr. 1-10	ELA, Writing, and Math	No
Winter Interims	1/10 - 2/2	Gr. 3-10	ELA, Writing, and Math	No
Spring Interims	4/11 - 5/5	Gr. K-2	Reading and Math	No
Summatives	4/11 - 5/5	Gr. 3-10	ELA and Math - Gr. 3-10 Writing - Gr. 3, 5, 7, 9 Science - Gr. 4, 8, 10	Yes

When Are WY-TOPP Results Available?

The results from the interims and modulars are available immediately for all areas except writing. The Centralized Reporting System is the repository for all modular, interim, and preliminary summative assessment results. All summative results may take up to 10 days to appear in Centralized Reporting. The **WDE Cut Score** page help readers to understand these results.

Where Can I Find the Practice Test for Students, Teachers, and Parents to Experience?

You can visit the Assessment Portal at **wyoassessment.org** to experience a training test. The ELA and Math Training Tests contain items for grades 3-10. The ELA tests for grades 3, 6, and 9 also include sample listening items. The Science Training Tests contain assessment items for each grade band (elementary, middle school, and high school).

What Tools Are Available for the Online Assessments?

A list of tools is available in the **Accessibility and Accommodations Guide**.

What Type of Accommodation Tools Are Available for the Online Assessments?

- Color Choice (background and text color)
- Zoom (enlarge 1x, 2x, etc.)
- Language (Spanish translation and Spanish versions of formula sheets)
- ASL and Closed Captioning
- Braille (through refreshable Braille displays and Tiger embossers; a paper option is also available)

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 tools will be available on test items, when appropriate.

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?

Students who need assessments in Braille can take the ELA test in UEB contracted, UEB uncontracted, or EBAE contracted form. On the math test, they can take it in UEB Nemeth, UEB math, or EBAE Nemeth code. The summative assessments can be ordered in paper form and are available online with refreshable Braille or Tiger embosser. Braille availability will continued to be expanded in future years for the interim assessments.

How Do I Get More Information on Assessments?

To see past Assessment Newsletters or to sign up to receive them, visit the **WDE website**.