SAGE assessments are fair and accurate, reflect Utah's cultural values, and accurately assess the Utah Core Standards.

SAGE assessments are unique to Utah. They were developed specifically for Utah students according to a rigorous and inclusive test development process. This process includes development workshops involving Utah teachers and numerous reviews by the Utah State Office of Education (USOE), test development experts, Utah educators and citizens, and a parent test review committee composed of Utah parents.

If you would like to

■ Take a training test,
■ Preview sample question types, or
■ Learn more about adaptive tests,
    visit **www.sageportal.org**.

What is a computer adaptive test?

Every time a student answers a question, his or her response helps determine the next question that the student must answer. The difficulty of the test will adjust to each student's skills, providing a better measure of what each student knows and can do.

SAGE test questions were reviewed by Utah parents.

In November 2013, the Parent Review Committee, composed of fifteen Utah parents who were appointed by the Utah State Senate President, the Utah Speaker of the House and the Utah State Board of Education Chair, spent five days reviewing SAGE test questions. Every member of the committee made positive comments about the process and the general content of the questions. A parent committee will meet each fall to review any new questions as well as review any revised questions from the previous year. New members will be selected each year to fill the vacancies of parents completing their term of appointment. Parents wishing to participate on this committee should contact the State Board of Education chair, the Speaker of the House, or the Senate President.

"I didn't see any real social problems with the test or things that would be controversial. [W]e all feel comfortable with the test."

-Alean Hunt, **Parent Review committee member**
-as quoted by the Deseret News

For more information...

Visit the Utah SAGE Portal at **www.sageportal.org**.

SAGE
Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence

Information for Families on Utah's SAGE Assessment System

SAGE is Utah's Assessment System
Utah owns and controls this assessment

Developed by Utah for Utah

Utah STATE OFFICE OF Education

SAGE stands for Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence.

SAGE is a system of assessments designed to measure student success and growth over the years. SAGE tests are based on the Utah Core Standards, a set of academic standards that raise our expectations for students and teachers. The SAGE system includes:

- Summative end-of-year tests that assess how our schools and districts are doing. These tests replace the CRTs that were previously administered at the end of the school year.

- Interim fall and winter tests that monitor student progress. These tests are administered by the schools and districts that are choosing to implement them.

- A formative assessment tool available online to students, families, and teachers that provides materials to support instruction.

Students will start taking the SAGE assessments this year.

Beginning spring 2014, students will take each test required for their grade level/course. The chart below outlines which assessments are available.

SAGE Assessments

Subject	Grades/Course
ELA	3–11 Writing
	3–11 Reading, Language, and Listening
Math	3–8 Math
	Secondary Math I, II, III
Science	4–8 Science
	Biology
	Earth Science
	Chemistry
	Physics

The SAGE formative assessment tool provides thousands of activities to aid in student learning.

SAGE formative helps students learn the Utah Core Standards at each grade level/course. Students will be able to find resources and practice activities in addition to completing a teacher-created assignment. Students and families will be able to access SAGE formative any time day or night from an Internet-connected computer or tablet using their Student ID and a password.

The new online testing system for students is easy to use.

- Students can use computers or tablets to take the SAGE assessments.

- Students can take advantage of the training tests that are available on the SAGE portal (www.sageportal.org) to try some of the features of the online testing system such as:

  - zoom in on both text and graphics,

  - highlight reading passages,

  - strike out answer options for multiple-choice questions,

  - change background colors,

  - mark questions for review, and

  - access text-to-speech capabilities.

- Students can also practice answering different question types using the training tests.

- Text-to-speech, which involves a computer-voice reading the test questions, is available for all students if they need it.

The test questions on SAGE include more than just multiple-choice questions.

Students will create graphs, interact with science simulations, and write and respond in multiple ways. These question types will assess higher-order thinking skills. To preview a sample of question types, you can take a training test at www.sageportal.org/training-tests.