

1. What is the DoDEA Comprehensive Assessment System?

The DoDEA Comprehensive Assessment System includes all system-wide assessments administered in DoDEA that measure students' academic status, progress, and performance in relation to the system-wide College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS). The system also provides a source of information for decision-makers concerning programs and services. The system includes a combination of national and CCRS-aligned assessments. The complete list and description of the assessments within the system can be found at <http://www.dodea.edu/assessments>.

2. What are the College and Career Ready Standards Summative Assessments?

With the implementation of the CCRS in literacy and mathematics, DoDEA has adopted new CCRS-aligned summative assessments to measure student mastery of content standards taught for the grade level and/or course. The administration of these CCRS-aligned measures, which are also called CCRS Summative Assessments, will occur during the spring 2021 administration window (for elementary, middle, and high school: March 29 – May 28, 2021).

3. What CCRS Summative Assessments will my child participate in for school year 2020–21?

DoDEA students will take the CCRS Summative Assessments in mathematics for students in grades 3–6 and 8, and Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II courses; and English-language arts/literacy for students in grades 3–8 and 10. DoDEA students who are enrolled in advanced or accelerated courses will participate in the summative assessment for which they have completed the course content.

4. What are the features of the CCRS Summative Assessments?

Features of the CCRS Summative Assessments include:

- Multiple choice (selected-response) items, open-ended (short constructed-response) items, and technology-enhanced items;
- Extended writing tasks (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the English language arts/literacy assessment; and
- Transition to online mode of administration (exception for students with an accommodation plan that requires them to take the paper version of the summative assessment).

5. Will students with disabilities, students who are English language learners, or students with 504 Plans take the CCRS Summative Assessments?

All DoDEA students in grades and courses identified for system-wide assessments shall be included in the DoDEA Comprehensive Assessment System. DoDEA students who have been identified as having disabilities shall participate using either the standard DoDEA assessments, with or without reasonable and appropriate accommodations, or through the use of the appropriate DoDEA alternate assessment. DoDEA students must meet the eligibility criteria established by DoDEA to participate in the alternate assessment.

6. Will students take the online version of the CCRS Summative Assessments?

Students in the identified grade levels and courses will take the CCRS Summative Assessments using an online test format unless they have an accommodations plan that requires the student(s) to take the paper version of the CCRS Summative Assessments.

7. Will students have access to scratch paper, pencil, and calculators during the test?

Students will have access to scratch paper and pencil during the test. Calculators are available through the PearsonAccess online assessment platform; however, hand-held calculators may be provided to students according to test administration guidelines provided by the test publisher.

8. How will student performance be reported?

Results are reported according to five performance levels that delineate the knowledge, skills, and practices typical students are able to demonstrate based on their grade level or course standards. The performance levels are Level 5 (*Exceeded expectations*), Level 4 (*Met expectations*), Level 3 (*Approached expectations*), Level 2 (*Partially met expectations*), and Level 1 (*Did not yet meet expectations*).

9. Are there practice tests available for students and teachers to use?

Practice tests are available for students and teachers to become familiar with the kinds of items and format used for the tests. Accommodated versions of the practice tests are also available. All of the computer-based practice tests have scoring capability built into the tool. The link to the site is <https://dodea.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>.

10. Are resources available on the design of the CCRS Summative Assessments?

There are several resources available for educators and parents to reference related to the test design of the CCRS Summative Assessments. Links to test blueprints, evidence tables, scoring rubrics, information guides, and performance-level descriptors can be found on the DoDEA Assessment Web page at <https://www.dodea.edu/assessments/resources/CCRS.cfm>.

11. Where can I find out more information about CCRS Summative Assessments and other assessments included in the DoDEA Comprehensive Assessment System?

Information on the assessments included in the DoDEA Comprehensive Assessment System are now available on the DoDEA Assessment Web page at <http://www.dodea.edu/assessments>.