

# Restart Readiness Assessments Frequently Asked Questions

## From Teacher Training Webinars

### Background

Three teacher training webinars were conducted in September 2020 on the Restart Readiness Assessments with a focus on how to access and use results in the new Centralized Reporting System (CRS). During the webinars attendees were able to submit questions via the webinar interface. Many of these questions were answered live in the webinar. This document gathers the frequently asked questions from all three webinars and provides answers. The questions have been grouped by general topic.

### Test Administration

**1. How long does it take to administer a test?**

Benchmark tests follow the OST blueprints and should take the same time as OST tests parts 1 and 2 combined. Checkpoint tests are short 6 to 10 item tests. Checkpoints are being used in a variety of ways so the amount of time will vary based on usage. Some teachers are using them as instructional tools with students while others are using them as formative assessments. It should not take more than 30 minutes if students are just taking them like a quiz. Generally, it will take longer if it is being used as an instructional tool.

**2. How many tests are available?**

There are 22 Benchmark tests, one for each of Ohio's State Tests (OST) except English Language Arts I. There are 150 Checkpoint tests, two for each reporting category for each grade and subject Benchmark test with one exception - the English Language Arts II writing reporting category has four tests.

**3. How many times can each test be administered to a student?**

There are two opportunities to administer each test. For both administrations of the test, the student will have the same set of items in the same order.

**4. Which test status requests are available in TIDE?**

Reopen, reset, restore and invalidation test status requests are available in TIDE. Paused tests can be resumed up to 7 days after they are started without requiring an action in TIDE, so the need for test status requests should be limited. In instances where they are needed, districts can process their own requests and don't need to wait for Department approval.

**5. How are tests administered?**

Tests are administered using the TA Interface to setup sessions. The process used to create the session, for students to login, to approve students and monitor sessions is the same as used in OST with two exceptions:

- A) When creating a session, you will be asked to indicate a Test Reason
- B) Tests can be accessed without using the Secure Browser

**6. Which tests should teachers administer?**

All decisions about which tests to administer are made at the local level. Teachers have the flexibility to administer any test to any student and will make this decision when creating the test session.

## Policy

**1. How long will the Benchmark and Checkpoint tests be available?**

The tests will be available until June 30, 2021.

**2. Are these connected to teacher evaluation?**

It is a local decision made by districts to determine if the Benchmark assessments can be used to meet the criteria for OTES 2.0.

**3. Can teachers view the test content before administering a test?**

No, the teacher will be able to view student responses and item content in CRS after the test has been administered.

**4. Are supports available for AASCD (Alternate Assessment for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities)?**

Currently, there are no Benchmark assessments for the AASCD. However, the current Benchmarks offer the same supports for students with disabilities as the OSTs.

**5. Can tests be administered asynchronously?**

Asynchronous administration is not available. Tests can be administered remotely with active test administrator monitoring.

## Scoring and Reporting

**1. Are state aggregates available?**

No, state aggregates are not calculated for comparison purposes.

**2. Can results be filtered by standard?**

Yes, several filter options are available, depending on what report you are viewing. See the [CRS User Guide](#) for more details on using filters.

**3. Are additional disaggregation sub group options available?**

No, the current for options are Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Enrolled Grade and Migrant. Additional disaggregation options can be considered for the future.

**4. Can school and district users access reporting data?**

Yes, the user access levels in CRS are the same as in the Online Reporting System (ORS).

**5. Will this show scores from previous schools or just the results from your school?**

Scores will follow students in CRS if the student moves to a new school or district.

**6. After students take the test, how long does it take to get the results?**

Results are available in near-real time, except for Checkpoint tests with a hand scored item. For those Checkpoint tests, after the teacher scores the hand scored item the test results will be available.

**7. How can you print student responses?**

When viewing a student performance on test report there are several print options available, including printing the item content and student response. See the [CRS User Guide](#) for details.

**8. How are writing responses scored?**

For Benchmark tests all writing responses are machine scored. Teachers can review the machine score and override it if needed. For Checkpoint writing items, the majority are machine scored but some will require the teacher to enter a hand score.

**9. Is there are rubric for teachers to use when hand scoring?**

Writing items are scored using the same writing rubrics as OST and they are available on the [OST Portal](#). The rubric is also included in the hand scoring module within CRS.

**10. Who can hand score writing items?**

Only teachers can hand score the writing items.

## Student Registration

**11. How are students added to TIDE?**

The Restart Readiness Assessments program uses the same TIDE that is used for other statewide assessments like OST and AASCD. Students can be added using the same pre-ID upload functions. No eligibility information needs to be included for the Benchmark and Checkpoint tests. All students added to TIDE are automatically eligible for all tests.

**12. How are rosters created?**

The Restart Readiness Assessments program uses the same rosters and roster features used for other statewide assessments like OST and AASCD. For details on creating and editing rosters see the [TIDE User Guide](#).

## Test Content

**1. Are these tests considered secure?**

These tests are not secure like OST; this allows them to be administered without the secure browser.

**2. Are questions repeated between test opportunities?**

Both opportunities of the same test will have the same questions in the same order.

**3. How many questions are on each test?**

The Benchmark tests use the same blueprints as the corresponding OST. The Checkpoint tests are 6 to 10 items.

**4. What information is available on the origin of the items, their standards alignment or other characteristics?**

The Benchmark Tests are full-length assessments utilizing released test items that mirror the content and test characteristics of Ohio's State Tests in terms of length, test specifications, blueprints and tools available to students. The Checkpoint assessments consist of 150 short, six- to 10-item assessments and offer a range of opportunities to assess within each reporting category (subscore area). These released items offer varying levels of difficulty or complexity, as well as address the breadth of Ohio's Learning Standards for the reporting category.