



PRACTICE TEST GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

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OVERVIEW

Practice Tests (PTs) help students gain confidence navigating assessments and question types. Students can login from home or school using this link: <https://student.kiteaai.org>. Quick help videos and instructions on each question demonstrate how to answer each question type. A pop-up message tells students whether the answer is correct or incorrect.

There are grade-specific technology PTs, subject-oriented PTs, and braille PTs:

- **Technology Practice Tests (TPTs)** provide practice on simple questions, successful manipulation of each question type, and build familiarity with different tools. TPTs include question instructions, video demonstrations, pop-up coaching messages, and read-aloud for K-1.
- **Subject-Oriented Practice Tests (SPTs)** focus on more complex subject oriented questions, successful manipulation of question types, and a deeper experience with different tools.
 - **SPT: KELPA** provide practice for Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment.
 - **SPT: ELA, Math, and Science** provide practice for ELA, Math, and Science.
 - **SPT: ELA, Math, and Science with Personal Needs Profile (PNP)** provide practice with accommodations.
- **Braille Practice Tests (BPTs)** modify the layout and formatting of different question types used in the braille booklets. BPTs include subject oriented questions (ELA, Math, and Science) similar to content used on the SPTs and have Text-to-Speech (TTS) tools enabled. For information about ordering Braille Practice Tests, please see [Ordering Braille Booklets](#) on the KAP website.

ACCESS KITE STUDENT PORTAL (TWO OPTIONS FOR PRACTICE TESTS)

Option 1: Install Kite Student Portal on your computer, visit the [KAP website](#) for more information.
 Option 2: Enter <https://student.kiteaai.org> in a browser (Firefox, Chrome, Edge, or Safari).

Note: Browser access for Kite Student Portal is for Practice Tests only. Parents and students can access PTs at home.

ACCESS PRACTICE TESTS

1. Open Kite Student Portal.
1. Enter a username and password from the tables below under Practice Test Logins.
2. Choose "SIGN IN."
3. Choose "PRACTICE FIRST" on the welcome screen.
4. Choose Technology (TPTs), Subject (STPs), or Braille (BPTs).
5. Choose "Take Test."

PRACTICE TEST LOGINS

Subject Practice Tests: ELA, Math, Sci

Grades	Username	Password
3–5	elem.practice	gate5
6–8	middle.practice	jazz4
10–11	high.practice	sent2

Technology Practice Tests

Grades	Username	Password
K–1	tech.practice.k-1	near3
2–5	tech.practice.2-5	canny
6–12	tech.practice.6-12	gazed

PNP Subject Practice Tests: ELA, Math, Sci

Grades	Username	Password
3–5	pnp.elem.practice	take8
6–8	pnp.middle.practice	swamp
10–11	pnp.high.practice	wrap4

*Students practice with PNP settings.

Braille Practice Tests

Grades	Username	Password
3-5 6-8 10-11	braille.practice	busy4

**All grade levels are available under a single login and students practice with TTS.

KELPA Practice Tests

Grades	Username	Password
K–1	int.demo.k-1	mild9
2–5	int.demo.2-5	moral
6–12	int.demo.6-12	deny0

ASSESSMENT SELECTION & DIRECTIONS SCREEN

After logging in, students select PRACTICE FIRST, select a subject area, and click Take Test (KELPA SPTs require a mic check). Students encounter the directions screen first. The test name displays at the top of the screen. All students can have directions read aloud by clicking the speaker button. GO BACK, takes the student to the test selection screen. BEGIN, takes the student to the first question.

QUESTION SCREEN

Student Name: Student Tech

Click a circle to choose an answer for each row. Checkmark appears inside the circle. To change the answer, click the circle by a new answer choice.

Choose whether each word is a shape, color, or number.

Word	Shape	Color	Number
blue	☐	☐	☐
four	☐	☐	☐
triangle	☐	☐	☐

Navigation buttons: <Back, Clear, Next>, Review/End

- Student Name:** View the student's name displayed as a fake practice student.
- Top Navigation Bar:** Select any number to go to the corresponding question.
- Flag Icon:** Select this icon to indicate this is an item to return to later. When selected:
 - A flagged question that is **unanswered** appears on a white background with a **red** border and a **red** flag below the number.
 - A flagged question that has been **answered** appears on a white background with a **blue** border and a **blue** flag with a small dot below the number.
- Help Icon:** Select to access directions about answering a question type.
- Help Video Icon:** Select on TPTs to play a video showing how to answer correctly.
- Review/End Button:** This button will take a student directly to the review screen at the end of the test. See the Review/End Screen section in this document for additional information.
- Back and Next Buttons:** Select to advance backward or forward an item at a time. If students click "Back" on the first question students are brought back to the directions page.
- Clear Button:** This button clears responses to a question and removes any highlighting the student has made on technology-enhanced questions.
- Tools:** The "TOOLBOX" displays available tools. Select the caret icon on the left side of the screen to expand the TOOLBOX.
- Instructions:** On TPTs and SPTs, text at the top of each question explains how to answer each item type.

PASSAGE & QUESTIONS SCREEN (STIMULUS WITH QUESTIONS)

The screenshot displays the 'PASSAGE & QUESTIONS SCREEN (STIMULUS WITH QUESTIONS)'. At the top, a navigation bar shows page numbers 1 through 12, with page 8 selected. Below this, a header indicates 'Student Name: Student PNP'. The main content area is divided into two sections. The left section, titled 'Playing in Dirt' by Gillian Luellen, contains a reading passage about Stan Herd. The right section contains a question: 'Which is the **best** summary of the text?' with four multiple-choice options. A vertical bold dividing line separates the passage from the questions. At the bottom, there are navigation buttons for 'Text-to-Speech' (1 and 5), 'Question View' (2), 'Content View' (3), and 'Review/End'.

- Text-to-Speech Buttons (for passages and poems):** These buttons are available to students requiring text-to-speech for the passage or poem. For questions regarding text-to-speech accommodations, refer to Kansas Tools and Accommodations Manual and/or Kansas Accommodations by Program manual on the KSDE website.
- Question View (View One/View All):** These options are only available when content, such as an ELA passage, is presented with the test questions. "View One" displays one question at a time and its answer choices. "View All" displays the question-and-answer choices the student is currently on, as well as the remaining questions associated with the passage or poem.
- Content View (Passage Only/Question Only/Passage and Questions):** These options are only available when content, such as an ELA reading passage or poem, is presented with the test questions. These options are located along the bottom of the screen.
 - **Passage Only:** Select this option to display only the passage or poem.
 - **Questions Only:** Select this option to display only the questions and answer choices.
 - **Passage and Questions:** Select this option to display both the passage or poem and the questions and answer choices. This is the default display.
- Bold Dividing Line:** On Mac and Windows devices, when in Passage and Questions content view, the bold dividing line drags left or right allowing passage or questions to occupy more space. To center the line back to default, drag fully to one side and then double click the line. On Chromebooks and iPads, the bold dividing line cannot be moved.
- Text-to-Speech Button (for questions):** These buttons are available to students requiring text-to-speech.

ABOUT QUESTION TYPES

In addition to multiple-choice, students encounter more complex and cognitively challenging types of questions. Technology Enhanced Items (TEI's), ask students to graph, categorize, label, match, order, and construct answers. For example, students select objects on the screen to move, connect objects on the screen, choose words or phrases from a body of text, or provide multiple answers for one question.

Reminders on how to answer an item type are available via the Help or Video Help Icons.



ABOUT QUESTION PROMPTS ON PRACTICE TESTS

Most practice tests include instructions and/or purpose-setting statements above each question explaining how to answer that question type. Instructions may begin with the words, "For this question, you will..." or "Click or tap and hold..." to inform students about what action is required to answer. The TPTs include Help Videos showing students how to correctly respond.

Instructions and Help Videos are only on practice tests, NOT Interim or Summative assessments.

REVIEW/END SCREEN

The Review/End screen displays each question number indicating answered, unanswered, and/or flagged for review. Students return to a question by clicking the question number. Use the BACK button on the Review/End screen to return to the last question of the test.

In this screenshot:

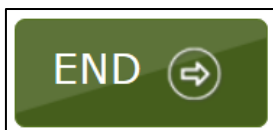
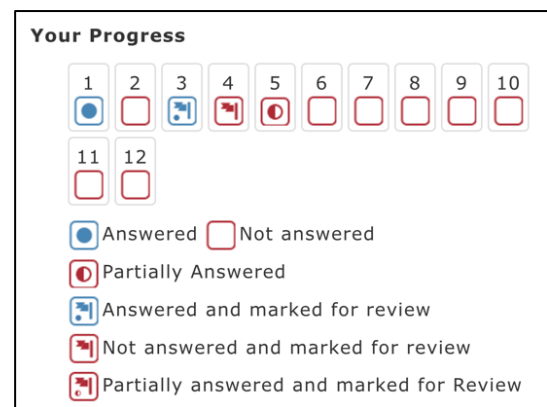
Question #1: Answered

Question #2: Not answered

Question #3: Answered and marked for review

Question #4: Not answered/marked for review

Question #5: Partially answered



Students select the END button when finished with the assessment and a window pops up asking, "Are you sure you want to end?" Selecting "NO" takes students back to the Review/End screen. Selecting "YES" ends the test and takes students back to the assessment selection screen. From there, students can exit Kite Student Portal.

SOFT BREAKS

A "soft break" is used in the math assessment, at grade 6 and above, to separate questions where calculators can and cannot be used. Soft breaks are also used on Interim Mini-Tests to separate mini-tests when more than one mini-test is assigned.

Note: Soft breaks are not on the practice tests. The image below shows how a soft break Review/End screen would appear.

Review: Math Grade 6: Session 1

Are you done with the questions in this section?
After you choose the Continue button, you cannot return to these questions.

After choosing the Continue button, you will answer the rest of the questions for this test session.

Your Progress

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14						

☒ Answered
 ☐ Not answered
☒ Answered and Marked for Review
☐ Not Answered and Marked for Review

You are not finished. Choose CONTINUE to launch the next section.

GO BACK

Continue

- **Directions:** Soft break directions explain that the student will not be able to return to these questions after choosing the Continue button.
- **Continue Button:** When selected, a window pops up saying, "You will not be able to return to this section once you leave. Are you sure you want to move to the next section?" Selecting "Continue" ends the assessment section and takes the student to the directions page of the next section.

TOOLS

Practice Tests feature a variety of tools. Some tools are available for all subjects, while other tools, such as the calculator, are specific to certain grades and subjects. All tools are accessed by clicking on the arrow icon in the left side of the screen to pop out the TOOLBOX. A chart listing the tools that may be available on TPTs and SPTs for KELPA, ELA, math, and science tests by grade can be found in the Tools section, below.

Icon	Tool	Description	Notes
	Calculator	Allows students to perform basic calculations. ^{2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13}	Grades 3-5 are not available. Grade 6 and above are available on some, but not all questions.
	Calculator-TI Graphing	Allows students to plot graphs, solve equations, and display several lines of calculations on the screen. ^{8, 13}	Grade 10 and above are available on some, but not all questions.
	Calculator-TI Scientific	Allows students to perform calculations in science, engineering, and mathematics. ^{3, 7, 10, 12}	Grades 3-5 are not available. Grade 6 and above are available on some, but not all questions.
	Guide Line	When selected, this tool follows the student's pointer and lightly highlights the text of a reading passage line by line. This tool differs for iPads, where the line remains stationary as the student scrolls through the passages. ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13}	For use on passages and poems.
	Tags	Allows students to use various tags within a reading passage. Tags remain in the passage until the student selects "CLEAR." The tags available are Main Idea, Supporting Details, Key Word, Evidence, Reread This, and Help. ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13}	For use on passages and poems.
	Eraser	Removes highlighting and striker marks from the screen. ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13}	For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices.

Icon	Tool	Description	Notes
	Highlighter	Allows students to select text on the screen and highlight the selected text with a pink background. ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13}	For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices.
	Library	Allows students access a resource sheet of formulas and conversions. ^{2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13}	Available on all tests for math in grades 4-8 and 10.
	Notes	Presents a yellow rectangle on the screen where students can type notes about the test content. ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13}	For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices.
	Search	Allows students to enter search terms. Matching words are then highlighted in orange. ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13}	For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices.
	Whole Screen Magnification	Allows students to magnify the screen up to five times (5x). ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13}	For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices.
	Sketch Pad	Gives students space to draw and write. ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13}	Available on all tests.
	Striker	Allows students to place a line through an answer choice that is not desired. When answer choices are images, the image fades and a small line appears at the beginning of the image. ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13}	For use on multiple-choice and multiple-select answer choices.
	Periodic Table	Presents a standard periodic table. Students select an element to view atomic number, atomic mass, and element name. ^{2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13}	Available on all science tests.

¹ This tool is available on TPT Grades K-1.

² This tool is available on TPT Grades 2-5.

³ This tool is available on TPT Grades 6-12.

⁴ This tool is available on SPT KELPA.

⁵ This tool is available on SPT ELA.

⁶ This tool is available on SPT Math Grades 3-5.

⁷ This tool is available on SPT Math Grades 6-8.

⁸ This tool is available on SPT Math Grade 10.

⁹ This tool is available on SPT Science Grade 5.

¹⁰ This tool is available on SPT Science Grades 8, 11.

¹¹ This tool is available on BPT Grades 3-5.

¹² This tool is available on BPT Grades 6-8.

¹³ This tool is available on BPT Grades 10-11.

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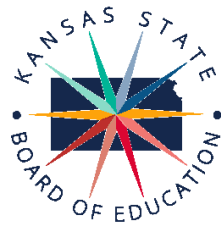
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- Academic preparation,
- Cognitive preparation,
- Technical skills,
- Employability skills and
- Civic engagement

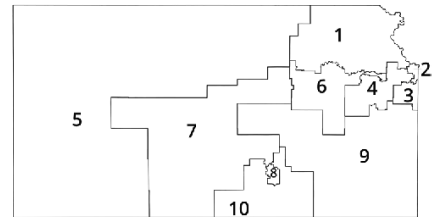
to be successful in postsecondary education, in the attainment of an industry recognized certification or in the workforce, without the need for remediation.

OUTCOMES

- Social-emotional growth
- Kindergarten readiness
- Individual Plan of Study
- Civic engagement
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