



Enrollment

Enrollment for **ALL** PASA assessments will be completed simultaneously in the fall through the *PASA-Digital* site. Check the *Calendar* link on the website for specific dates.

Test Levels

Like last year, the *PASA-Science* assessment will have two levels of cognitive difficulty; Tier 1 and Tier 2. Students will be placed into one of the two Tiers based on their *PASA Reading and Math* designations. The *PASA-ELA* and *PASA-Math* assessments will continue to have three levels this year: Level A, Level B and Level C. The test items, however, have been realigned to the Alternate Eligible Content.

As in past years, requests for Level or Tier changes will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Requests for changes should be made through the digital site.

Testing Window

Administration of **ALL** PASA assessments will be completed simultaneously during the testing window. Check the *Calendar* link on the website for specific dates.

Test Security

All assessors and testing coordinators will be required to sign an electronic document certifying they will adhere to test security procedures. Online test materials will NOT be released until the affidavit has been signed.

Test Format

Each test consists of 34-36 three-option multiple choice items; 4-6 of these items are field test items and so not count towards a student's score. Field test items are not identified on the test and assessors will not know which items count toward the score and which do not.

PASA-Science items again will feature a set of scripted prompts while *PASA-ELA* and *PASA-Math* will feature a variety of prompting options. More information about prompting, as well as acceptable accommodations and adaptations, will be presented in training modules beginning in January.

A 'cease test' option is still available, but test administrators will be required to select a reason for terminating the testing.

Administration Options

There will be three administration options for **ALL** PASA assessments for 2017-2018 for ***ALL districts***. Districts are no longer designated as 'digital' or 'non-digital'.

1. Digital or Electronic Delivery

- Assessors access the test items under the 'Assess' tab on the *PASA-Digital* site
- Assessors display the answer choices to students using a second electronic device
- Assessors enter student responses as the test is administered

2. Hybrid Delivery

- Assessors access the test items under the 'Assess' tab on the *PASA-Digital* site
- Assessors display the answer choices to students using the printed booklet provided by PASA in the Test Materials Box.
- Assessors enter student responses as the test is administered



3. Non-Digital Delivery

- Assessors access the test items under the 'Tests' tab on the *PASA-Digital* site
- Assessors print a copy of each test for their use
- Assessors display the answer choices to students using the printed booklet provided by PASA in the Test Materials Box.
- Assessors enter student responses as the test is administered using the 'Data Entry' option OR enter student responses after the test is complete using the 'Data Entry' option

Please Note: *Using the Non-Digital Delivery option comes with additional requirements such as the return of the printed test items to PASA and certifications by the school's IT department and district's testing coordinators that the computers and printers used to print the test items are free from all copies of the assessments after the testing window has closed.*

Regardless of administration option, assessors **MUST** enter student responses for **ALL** PASA assessments directly into the digital system. Failure to enter student responses into the digital system will result in that student being marked as **NOT ASSESSED** for 2017-2018 for State reporting purposes and students will NOT receive a Student Score Report.

More details about each of these administration options is available in the [Administration Manual](#) and [Test Administration](#) training modules.

Student Materials Booklets

Student Materials Booklets for **ALL** PASA tests will feature the answer choices for each item displayed on a single page. As with *PASA-Science* for the past two years, answer choices may be cut apart as needed to accommodate individual students. For additional information about allowable accommodations and adaptations, see the [Administration Manual](#) and [Test Administration](#) training modules.

Videos

Assessors **MUST** record each student's assessment and **ALL** videos should be upload directly to the *PASA-Digital* site. ***Videos are no longer used to score student performances.*** Instead, videos are used to ensure that assessors are administering the assessments and entering student responses correctly.

Test Administrator Training

Since not all assessors have administered the *PASA-Science* over the past two years, training will be required for ALL assessors and testing coordinators prior to the opening of the testing window. Training modules will cover 1) accessing the assessment(s), 2) recording student responses, 3) camera positioning, 4) test administration, 5) test security procedures, 6) allowable accommodations and adaptations, and 7) special populations. Online test materials will NOT be released to ANY assessor until they have completed all training modules and associated proficiency tests.

In addition, an [Administration Manual](#) as well as a [Test Coordinator's Manual](#) will be available on the website.