

OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

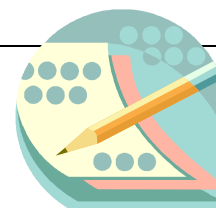
Access to accurate information is key to Student Success.



What are some of the tests I can expect to take in school?

Did you know?

One tool that schools use to learn about students is the **Standardized Test**. Standardized tests are developed by commercial test publishers and they are designed to give a common measure of students' performance. Because a large number of students take the same test, they give teachers and other educators a common "yardstick" or "standard" of measure. The results are used to tell how well school programs are succeeding and to give a clear picture of the skills and abilities of today's students. Remember that standardized tests are only one of many ways to measure what individual students can or cannot do.



Tests, tests, and more tests . . .

Taking standardized tests begins for most students in third grade.

3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
IOWA CRTs	CRTs	IOWA CRTs	DWA CRTs	CRTs	IOWA CRTs	DWA	UBSCT CRTs	IOWA UBSCT CRTs	USBCT CRTs

<p>IOWA Iowa Tests</p> <p>Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, given at the beginning of the school year, grades 3, 5, and 8</p> <p>Iowa Tests of Educational Development given at the beginning of the school year, grade 11</p>	<p>CRT Criterion Referenced Tests (end of level tests)</p> <p>Math Grades 1-6, and Pre-Algebra Applied Math I, II, Elem. Algebra, Geometry</p> <p>Language Arts Grades 1-11</p> <p>Science Grades 4-8, and Earth Systems, First Year Biology (including Human Biology), First Year Chemistry, First Year Physics (including Principles of Technology)</p>	<p>DWA Direct Writing Assessment, Grades 6, 9</p>	<p>UBSCT Utah Basic Skills Competency Test Grades 10-12</p> <p>(graduation requirement)</p>
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Links:

State Testing Calendar
http://www.schools.utah.gov/eval/District_Admin.asp

What should parents know about standardized tests?
www.kidsource.com

High stakes testing: is it fair to students?
<http://school.familyeducation.com>

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