

Appendix F

Guidance on Testing Multiple Grades/Courses Concurrently in the Same Testing Environment

The purpose of this appendix is to provide additional guidance for schools that wish to schedule multiple testing grades/courses of students in the same testing environment¹ at the same time.

Schools may schedule different grades/courses of students in the same environment at the same time, provided that the section testing time, content area, and administration script are the same. For example, for the English Language Arts/Literacy Section 1, students in grades 9 and 10 may be combined into the same testing environment because all grades have the same section testing time and use the same administration script. Grade 3 paper-based testing (PBT) must be separate from grades 4 and 5 because the administration directions differ due to different testing materials (i.e., grade 3 has test booklets, but grades 4 and 5 have test booklets and answer documents). Guidance on which grades can be combined into the same testing environment is provided on pages 2 through 3.

A **separate** testing environment is needed for:

- Paper-based and computer-based (Administration scripts are different.)
- English language arts/literacy and mathematics. (Testing times and administration scripts are different.)
- Spanish form for mathematics & Science.
- Student directions read aloud in a language other than English (As a reminder, there are translated administration scripts for Spanish, available at dc.mypearsonsupport.com.)

Note: Schools cannot combine students with the Human Reader accommodation across grades/courses. For example, Grade 4 students with a Human Reader can be tested together, but Grade 4 and Grade 5 students with a Human Reader accommodation cannot be tested concurrently in the same testing environment.

English Language Arts/Literacy—Computer-Based Testing

ELA/L Section	Grades that May Be Grouped Together	Section Testing Time (minutes)
Section 1	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90
	Grade 9, Grade 10	90
Section 2	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90
	Grade 9, Grade 10	90
Section 3	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90
	Grade 9, Grade 10	90

Note: ELA/L assessments are comprised of three sections. A section will consist of either operational or field test items.

¹ Testing environment is defined as a room or location where secure testing occurs (e.g., a classroom, library, media center, computer lab).

English Language Arts/Literacy—Paper-Based Testing

ELA/L Section	Grades that May Be Grouped Together	Section Testing Time (minutes)
Section 1	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90
	Grade 9, Grade 10	90
Section 2	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90
	Grade 9, Grade 10	90
Section 3	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90
	Grade 9, Grade 10	90

Mathematics—Computer-Based Testing

Section	Grades/Courses that May Be Grouped Together	Section Testing Time (minutes)
Section 1	Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6 & Grade 7 (<i>non-calculator/calculator part</i>)	60
	Grade 8 (Section 1 of the grade 8 CBT Mathematics cannot be administered in the same environment as grades 6 and 7 due to the difference in parts)	60
	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (<i>non-calculator/calculator part</i>)	90
Section 2	Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	60
	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	90
Section 3	Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	60

Mathematics – Paper-Based Testing

Section	Grades/Courses that May Be Grouped Together	Section Testing Time (minutes)
Section 1	Grade 3 (Grade 3 PBT Mathematics cannot be administered in the same environment as grades 4 and 5 due to the difference in test materials causing differences in directions.)	60
	Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6, Grade 7 (<i>non-calculator/calculator part</i>), Grade 8	60
	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	90
Section 2	Grade 3 (Grade 3 PBT Mathematics cannot be administered in the same environment as grades 4 and 5 due to the difference in test materials causing differences in directions.)	60
	Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	60
	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	90
Section 3	Grade 3 (Grade 3 PBT Mathematics cannot be administered in the same environment as grades 4 and 5 due to the difference in test materials causing differences in directions.)	60
	Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	60

Science—Computer-Based Testing

Section	Grades/Courses that May Be Grouped Together	Section Testing Time (minutes)
Section 1	Grade 5, Grade 8, Biology	45
Section 2	Grade 5, Grade 8, Biology	45
Section 3	Grade 5, Grade 8, Biology	45
Section 4	Grade 5, Grade 8, Biology	45