

Computer Based Testing Update

2015 - 2016 CBT Opportunities

- Every district that is field testing is encouraged to administer one computer based test.
- Schools will indicate interest in CBT when ordering 2016 operational assessments (**Due by Nov. 6, 2015**).
- CBT field tests will include:
 - 1 - 2 grades selected in the school
 - One content area
 - One 40 minute session
 - Three week, flexible field test window (May 23 – June 10, 2016)

Nextera

- Questar’s assessment platform, Nextera, includes the administrative portal and student test interface.
- The system will look and feel familiar to those districts that have previously participated in CBT.
- Features are embedded in the test delivery platform, including math tools, highlighter, answer elimination, magnifier, etc.
- Some accessibility features are available (if identified in advance) and need to be turned on by test administrators. For example: screen contrast and font.

2015-2016 FIELD TRAINING & SUPPORT:

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

- Field Outreach
- Release Training Dates

DECEMBER - JANUARY

- System Readiness Tools
- IT/Technical Trainings for RICs, Big 5, and District Staff
- Technical Manuals and Specifications Released



- Online Practice Tests

FEBRUARY - MARCH

- Student Data Upload
- Accounts and Classes created in Nextera
- Regional Trainings for test coordinators and test administrators
- Test Manuals Available

APRIL - JUNE

- Additional outreach and training
- Technical site visits by Questar and RICs
- Infrastructure Trials
- Setup Test Sessions
- Administrator Field Tests

Testing Requirements:

- 1 Computer-based tests will be available on laptops, tablets, Chromebooks, Mac’s, and PC’s.
- 2 Minimum technical requirements:
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/technology/CBT>

CBT TEST TIMELINE:

*As participation in computer-based operational testing increases, the state will eliminate stand-alone field tests for multiple choice.

2015-2016

1. Paper-based Operational Assessments
2. Paper-based Field Tests
3. Computer-based Field Tests

2016-2019

1. Paper-based Operational Assessments
2. Computer-based Operational Assessments
3. Paper-based Field Tests*
4. Computer-based Field Tests*

2020

All schools administer operational tests on computer

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020