### New York State Grades 3-8 ELA, Mathematics, and Science Testing Program

### Fall 2024 CBT Training

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## Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose of training
- Testing dates and Events calendar
- Fall Milestones
- Nextera Admin
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- Preparation is Key
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- Helpful Reminders for CBT

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### 2024-2025 Test Administration and Events Calendar

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## **CBT Testing Window**

Again this year, there will be an extended testing window (Monday, April 7 – Friday, May 16) to administer the Grades 3–8 ELA and Math Computer-Based Tests and the Grades 5 and 8 Science Computer-Based Tests.

- For ELA and math, schools will select two consecutive school days within the window to administer assessments for each grade level and subject.
- For science, schools will select one day within the window to administer assessments for each grade level.
- > These rules are school specific and need not be observed as district-specific.
- > Make-ups must be given within the testing window.
- Schools with students in a CBT grade that must test on paper per an IEP or 504 Plan, or because they require an alternate language edition of the mathematics or science tests, should test on the same days as their CBT grade classmates.

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2024-2025 Testing Schedule

# Upcoming Important Dates and Milestones



### 2024-25 CBT Milestones

#### October and November

- •Create user accounts in Nextera •Place orders in
- Online Request System: window opens first week of October
- •Complete Tech Readiness: window
- Readiness: win opens 10/1/24
- •Finalize Lead Scoring Entity and exam requests prior to the closing of the system on 11/8/24
- •Download Secure Browser
- •Verify Student Enrollment/Program Service/ Demographic Data

#### **December and January**

- Simulation Pre-ID File enrollment, program service, and demographic data due to L2: 12/6/24
- Proctor & Best Practices Training: TBD
- Schedule date for participation in Statewide Simulation
- Students, Classes, Tests Tabs open for CBT Simulation 12/19/24
- Statewide CBT Simulation: January 21<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>
- Ensure completion of Tech Readiness; Window closes 12/27/24

#### February and March

- LSE will be loaded to Nextera Admin for ELA and Math
- ScorePoint Training: TBD
- Student Data loaded to Nextera Admin for Operational CBT Testing
- Prepare for Testing

#### April, May & June

- Testing window for ELA, Math & Science: 4/7-5/16/25
- Scoring Window: 4/8-5/23/25

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• SAFT ELA & Math (only CBT, no PBT SAFT ) Window: TBD

### October

- > Online Request System Opens
  - Review the Requesting memo and instructions for placing online requests
  - Arrange for Lead Scoring Entity (LSE) for CBT ELA and Math

Note: In 2025, the Grades 5 and 8 Science Computer-based Tests will again be sent to NYSED's contractor for statewide scoring. Schools do not need to make arrangements for the scoring of the Science computer-based tests. However, schools will still be responsible for the scoring of Science paper-based tests (i.e., accommodated editions).



### October

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- Nextera Admin/Tech Readiness Opens 10/01/2024
  - Monitor your inbox for your "Welcome to Nextera" email
    - RICs, SUP, DTC, Principals will receive "Welcome to Nextera" email
    - > Be sure to check your junk folder
  - Set up additional user accounts as needed (STC, DLU, BLU, etc)

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- Questar Secure Browser becomes available
  - Review the Setup and Installation Guide
  - > Understand Minimum System Requirements

### November

- Online Request System Closes 11/8/24
  - Return to online request system until system close date to make any needed updates

### December

- Statewide Pre-ID file data pull (December 6, 2024)
  - Verify student enrollment, program service, and demographic data is up-to-date
  - Confirm regional deadline with your Regional Information Center (RIC)
- Simulation students, classes, and tests tabs open in Nextera Admin (12/19/24)



### January

- Statewide Simulation (January 21 January 31, 2025)
  - Schools will select from the grades and content areas that are participating in operational CBT to participate in the simulation.
  - While schools must participate in at least one day of the Statewide Simulation period, they can choose multiple days, grades, and content areas within the window to run their simulation.
  - Schools do not need to tell us of what day(s) or grade(s)/content area(s) they will be using for the simulation.



### 2024-2025 CBT Administration Checklist

### Fall

- □ Make scoring arrangements & Identify Lead Scoring Entity
- Order exams in the online request system
- Access Nextera Admin and create user accounts
- Complete Tech Readiness Checklist
- Download and test Nextera Secure Browser

#### Winter

- Prepare for the Statewide Simulation Data Pull
- □ Have students practice using the Question Sampler and Secure Browser Practice Tests
- Prepare for (create classes, edit/add students, set accommodations, print login tickets, proctor training) and participate in the Statewide Simulation

#### Spring

- Prepare for Statewide Operational Data Pull
- Prepare for (create classes, edit/add students, set accommodations, print login tickets, proctor training) and administer Operational CBT
- Enter Not Tested Codes
- Score Operational CBT

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Note: This is a condensed version. Please consult your handout for a more detailed version

# Fall Milestones





# Online Examination Request System





## **Online Examination Request System**

The Grades 3-8 ELA and Mathematics Tests and the Grades 5 & 8 Science Tests must be requested through the Department's online request system. (<u>https://portal.nysed.gov/abp</u>)

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- > Detailed instructions are available on our <u>website</u>.
- 1. Identify your Scanning Center/RIC and Lead Scoring Entity for ELA and Math

Note: Grades 5 & 8 Science CBT will be sent to NYSED's contractor for statewide scoring. Schools do not need to plan the scoring of the Science computer-based tests. However, schools will be responsible for scoring Science paper-based tests.

2. Enter the number of students to be tested, whether computer- or paperbased. Enter the number of students to be administered large type or braille.

3. Request Test Read copies for students with the Test Read accommodation (Read aloud by human on CBT), for IEP/504 students testing on paper, and for ELLs requiring an oral translation.

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### **Online Examination Request System -Reminders**

4. All alternate language editions will be paper format. A list of available translations are listed in the ordering portal

Note: When requesting alternate language editions, schools receive the corresponding paper copies of the English editions to provide as a testing accommodation. **Know your contract with your LSE to ensure they can score the alternate languages you need.** 

5. **Submit and Certify Your Request** on the last page of the examination request system.

6. You will receive a confirmation email within 3 business days. Review to ensure that all exams were requested correctly.

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Note: "Submit and Certify Your Request" again if you log back in to make changes before the online examination system closes on 11/8/2024.



# **Test Administration**



### **Test Administration**



PBT ELA Answer Booklets: There will be no ELA answer booklets this year. NWEA has added CR lines back into the Session 1 booklets.

Return Materials: The only materials that need to be sent back to NWEA are unused Braille editions.

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# Nextera Admin





## Technology Readiness Checklist and Technical Requirements





### **Technology Readiness Checklist**

### Complete by December 27, 2024

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#### Computer-Based Testing (CBT) Technology Readiness Checklist

Updated 10/03/2024

In order to participate in operational Computer-Based Testing (CBT) for Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and/or Mathematics, and Grades 5 and 8 Science, the school administrator must verify CBT Technology Readiness of their school. Verification of these requirements is **required** for all schools administering operational CBT in any of the content areas in the 2024-2025 school year.

The CBT Technology Readiness Checklist must be verified every year by an administrator of the operational CBT school to help the school prepare for a successful CBT administration.

School administrators should work with school, district, RIC, and BOCES staff as necessary and appropriate to confirm the school can meet the requirements and conditions outlined in the checklist.

The deadline to complete the checklist and submit verification through Nextera Admin is Friday, December 27, 2024.

There are many variables that factor into ensuring technology readiness for computer-based testing. Your large city district office, RIC, and BOCES are valuable resources for questions related to technology readiness and computer-based testing. You may also contact NWEA Customer Support at <u>NYTesting@nwea.org</u> or 866-997-0695 for questions on the computer-based testing system and technology readiness. If you have questions concerning computer-based testing policies or procedures for NYSED, please email <u>CBTsupport@nysed.gov</u>.

Category	Requirements	Guidance/Resources	Will my school be able to meet this requirement?
CBT Scheduling	<ol> <li>Schools must schedule computer-based testing within the CBT test administration window.</li> </ol>	Exam scheduling within the CBT test administration window is a Local Education Agency (LEA) decision. It is a <u>CBT Best Practice</u> that the school stagger student start times; details on how to stagger student start times can be found below and on <u>CBT Support</u> .	O Yes O No
andwidth & Access	<ol> <li>Schools must have adequate bandwidth, including considerations for any wireless connections, to support CBT on the days scheduled for test administration.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>The bandwidth requirements and tools for testing your school's bandwidth capabilities are available on the <u>NWEA Readiness page</u>.</li> <li>Schools should check bandwidth readiness, prior to testing, to prepare for CBT and ensure a stable testing environment for students.</li> <li>For schools using wireless connections, be sure to consider network access-to-student ratios within a testing space.</li> </ul>	O Yes O No

The CBT Technology Readiness Checklist must be verified **every year** by an administrator of the school participating in operational CBT to help the school prepare for a successful CBT administration.

All district and building level users (except Teachers) can complete Tech Readiness for their school.

## **Technical Requirements Resources**

#### Setup and Installation Guide

- > The SIG provides important information for setup and installation, system requirements, and troubleshooting tips.
- > The SIG also provides helpful tips during testing for any errors that may be encountered when students are logging in and/or testing.

Froubleshoe Possible Error The following tab nessage, and acti	oting Error Messages Students May Encoun r Messages When Logging In le will review possible error messages students may encounter b ions to take to correct the error.	ter Prior to and During	Testing
Name of Error	Error Message	Potential Cause(s)	Corrective Action(s)
Sign-in error	New York Statewide Assessment Powered by Nextera* NYSSIS ID Password Password Password Vieto account using mose credentials. × Please check them and try again.	User enters the wrong User ID and/or Password on the Nextera TDS sign-in screen.	Confirm correct user ID/password and try again. Check to ensure Caps Lock is not on.

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### **Secure Browsers**

> The Secure Browser is available for download from Nextera Admin on the Help>Downloads page. > Confirm your Secure Browsers are the most current versions. > Please find additional information in the <u>Setup and Installation Guide</u> (SIG) on CBT Support

STUDENT RESPONSES HOME STUDENTS ~ CLASSES

ADMINISTRATION ~

HELP 🗸

#### **Operational Secure Browsers**

The current Secure Browsers that students will use for the 2023-2024 Simulation, Operational, and Field Testing are available. Schools must install the Secure Browser use for the upcoming simulation, operational tests, and to use the practice tests.

	Operating Systems	Version	Client
4	Microsoft Windows (10, 11) (Home, Education, Pro, Pro Education, Enterprise) (includes minor versions) (Note: Windows 10S and 11S are not supported)	5.0	Download
×	Apple Mac OS X (12, 13) (includes minor versions)	5.0	Download

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## **Technical Requirements Resources**

### Minimum System Requirements and System Scan

	Spring 2025
Windows 10 Pro Education Pro Education Home Enterprise	Versions: 21H2, 22H2 (Windows 10S is not supported)
Windows 11 Pro Education Pro Education Home Enterprise	Versions: 22H2 23H2 (Windows 11S and SE are not supported)
MacOS	13.X 14.X 15.X (fall release)
IPadOS	16.X 17.3+



Scan Now

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## Whitelisting

Nextera Test Delivery System uses the same protocols to communicate on the Internet as standard Web browsers, so it is critical that proxy servers be configured to **allow all HTTP traffic between the Nextera Test Delivery System and the Internet on ports 80 and 443**.

The following domains should be whitelisted at the firewall, authenticating proxy server, or content filtering server:

- + NY.nextera.questarai.com
- + questarai.com
- + nwea.org
- + **mobileapp.questarai.com (**for Apple iPad devices)
- + transcribestreaming.us-west-2.amazonaws.com (for STT)
- + cognito-identity.us-west-2.amazonaws.com (for STT)



## **Accessing Nextera Administration**

RICs, DTCs, SUPs, and PRNs received a welcome email with their username and password.

- 1. Log in using your provided credentials.
- 2. Follow prompts to accept a security agreement and change your password.
- 3. Check Junk folder; if you haven't received your Welcome email, reach out to NWEA via Customer Support.

New York State Grades 3-8 Testing Program
User ID
Password
Sign In
Forgot your password?
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https://ny.nextera.questarai.com/Admin



### **User Roles**



## Understand User Roles and Responsibilities

	DTC	DLU	DITC	SUP	PRN	STC	SITC	BLU	Teacher
View/Edit Students Page	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	View Only
View/Edit Classes and Create New Classes	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х
Print Student Logins	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х
Create New Roles/Accounts in Nextera Admin	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	
View Testing Status Details Page	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Set Student Testing Accommodations	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	
Change Session Access Codes	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	
Set Student Not Tested Codes	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	
Complete Tech Readiness Checklist	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Resolve Concurrent Logins	Х				Х	Х			
View and Print Student Responses	Х			Х	Х				

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### School Administrator's Manual Appendix U

## **Account Rules**

- + There can only be one of each of the following account types per district or school:
  - District Test Coordinator (DTC)
  - Superintendent (SUP)
  - Principal (PRN)
  - School Test Coordinator (STC)
- + There can be multiple account types for:
  - District Level User (DLU)
  - District Information Technology Coordinator (DITC)
  - Building Level User (BLU)
  - School Information Technology Coordinator (SITC)
  - Teachers



# Nextera Admin: Add and Edit Users, Creating Classes



The Accounts tabs allows users to view and edit accounts, as well as, Reset passwords

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All accounts associated with the district and school you've selected appear below. Click on the View button to see more details on an account and make updates. For new accounts, click the "Activate" link to send a welcome email to the user and enable the account. For activated accounts, you can click the "Reset" link to send the user an email containing instructions on how to reset his or her password.											
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test2@email.com	LName2	FName2	test2@email.com		PRN	Test Middle School	View Activate	History			

Accounts							-
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User ID	Last Name JF	First Name	Email Address	Account Type	Membership	Actions	History
	LName1	FName1	test@email.com	Teacher	Test Middle School	View Activate	History
test@email.com					OAI Training Test		



### Based on their user role, users can export account types into an excel document.

	Account Type						Search				
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When downloaded as a .csv, the user will see a document like this with all of the users in that role for their district. This includes valuable information such as if a user is active or inactive in Nextera.


# **Accounts Page Reminders**

### New Accounts

- + Account creation should be handled locally through Nextera Admin
- + User ID field should always be the user's email address
- + District Test Coordinators (DTC), Superintendents (SUP), and Building Level Users (BLU) can create new accounts within their school.
- + When creating an account, the DTC must click "Activate" for the **+** new user to receive their Welcome to Nextera email.
- + See <u>CBT Support</u> for Adding and Editing Users in Nextera Admin

# Classes

### Tips for creating classes:

- + Classes are virtual classes in Nextera only for CBT testing purposes.
- + Not necessary to set up classes.
- + They do not have to align to instruction.
- + Consider classes for student testing accommodations, such as "TTS Class," or for grouping students who are not taking the computer-based tests, such as "Taking Regents." Note that you must still set the accommodations for these groups.
- + Grouping students by classes allows students in that class to have the same test session access code.
- + Leave the Pre-ID classes, even if they are empty, for possible student transfers.



# Nextera Admin: Manage Student Information Set Accommodations and NTC





## **Students**

#### New York State Grades 3-8 Testing Program

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# **Setting Accommodations**

- Under the Students Tab
- Make sure you set accommodations BEFORE you print login tickets
- > Very important to set accommodations for students to receive the correct form of the test.

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	Speech-to-Text Speech-to-text transcribes alternative to typing. The t microphone is necessary.	a spoken response as an ext can then be edited. A	variations or offline testing accommodations.	+

# **Classroom Accommodations**



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Student Name Reviewer AM

Content Area ELA 🗸

Online Testing Accommodations

**Classroom Accommodations** 

Please select the testing accommodations that your student used outside of the testing platform.

Flexibility in Scheduling (IEP or 504 Plan) Flexibility in setting (IEP or 504 Plan) Method of presentation (excluding Braille/Large Print type) (IEP or 504 Plan) Method of response (IEP or 504 Plan) Use of spell-checking device/software (IEP or 504 Plan) Other (IEP or 504 Plan) Bilingual dictionaries and glossaries (ELL) Separate location (ELL)





## Accommodations

### Multi-Student Edit details

- + This feature allows you to add accommodations to a group of students at the same time.
- + **Note:** Multi-Student Edit will overwrite any previously assigned accommodations for the students being edited. It is recommended to begin with the Multi-Student Edit, then make necessary individual changes to assign accommodations for individual students.



## Accommodations

Multi-Student Edit: Assigning accommodations to a group of students



### Multi-Student Edit

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## Accommodations

Test Read v Read Aloud v Text-to-Speech

Test Read (paper only)	Read Aloud (by human)	Text-To-Speech (online only)
<ul> <li>A human reads the test to the student from a paper test.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A human reads the test to the student from a paper test.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The computer reads the test to the student from the computer screen.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The student tests on paper and enters responses on paper.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The student tests on computer and enters responses on computer.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The student tests on computer and enters responses on computer.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>This is a classroom-only accommodation and the student is marked as "Tested on Paper" in Nextera Admin when in a CBT class.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This is a combination of an online- and human- delivered accommodation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This is an online-only accommodation (the student has headphones while testing on computer).</li> </ul>

# **Checking Student Accommodations**

- Use the Student Download or the Class Report to verify all accommodations are set properly before testing.
- > The Student Download Report is available from the Students/Students tab at the bottom of the student list.
- The Classes Report is available from the Classes tab at the bottom of the student list for the specific Class.
- Run this report after all Student Accommodations have been set, before printing Login Tickets.



# **Checking Student Accommodations**



### In the Class tab: Class Export File:

- shows all testing accommodations

	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
1	District: QAI NEXTERA TEAM (QAI02)							
2	All Content Areas	2023-24 Simulation						
3	StudentID	FirstName	MiddleName	LastName	Grade	Subject	Accommodation	Accommodation Option
4	1350026987	Test ELA		Student	5	ELA	Answer Masking Tool	
5	1350026987	Test ELA		Student	5	ELA	Speech-to-Text	
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# Not Testing Codes (NTC)

- Testing Tab or the Testing Status Details Page
- Can be assigned by DTCs, DLUs, SUP, PRN, STC, and BLU
- Only set for Operational testing

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Session 1	Access Code 111	1	New	Access Code	Submit C	Cancel					
Session 2	Access Code 222	2	New	Access Code	Submit C	Cancel					

Must be set prior to the window closing to avoid being addressed during summer clean up.

Session 2: Not Started

Session 1: Not Started

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#### **Registered Students:**

Session All Sessions 🗸

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# Alternate Languages

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# Alternate Language Testing Steps & Options

Step 1: Request Alternate Language paper copies in the fall using the Online Request System. Once the online request system closes, contact NWEA CS for any additional needed tests.

Step 2: Assign ELL students the Alternate Language accommodations in Nextera Admin to ensure they receive the correct Form, to match their paper copy.

**Testing Option 1:** Student can test on the computer using the English version. They will have the accommodated Alternate Language paper copy while testing. Student MUST respond on the computer for the entire test (Sessions 1 and 2 of Math and the complete singular session of Science).

**Testing Option 2:** Student will test only on paper, with an English and Alternate Language paper copies.

# **Setting Alternate Languages in Nextera**

From the Students page, users must set a Print Variation by identifying the appropriate alternate language when setting accommodations for Math or Science. This is found under the Offline Testing Accommodations tab.

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# Checking for Accommodated Form A

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+ From the Tests tab, check to make sure the students who are taking an Alternate Language exam have Form A assigned.

### New York State Grades 3-8 Testing Program

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# Alternate Language Reminders

- + Use practice tests to determine which format (computer or paper) will be best for each ELL student prior to testing day.
- + While ELL students can test on CBT or PBT, they must choose one format for the entire test. Students do not have the option to choose to do Session 1 CBT and Session 2 PBT.
- + Chromebooks do not support Alternate Language keyboards.
- + ELLs who require an oral translation of a lower incidence language must test on paper.



# Student Transfers

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## Student Transfers 2024-2025

- + Make sure ALL fields match for each content area, including District of Record/School of Record with Testing District and Testing School.
- + We encourage schools to leave the Pre-ID classes, even if they are empty. That way there is a place to put new transfers if the destination class is not known.
- + If a student does not match for all the fields, please contact your RIC in order to transfer the student successfully.



New in 2024: On the Student page, take note of the student's testing status. If a student has started or completed a content area, they will need to be placed in a destination class.

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## **Student Transfers 2024-2025**

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# Preparation is Key

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# **Preparation is Key!**

- + Question Sampler
- + Practice Tests in the Questar Secure Browser
- + Participate in the Simulation-January 21st-January 31st

It's important to have students practice the tools and practice being in the Test Delivery system to avoid mistakes when testing in the spring.

# **CBT Systems Overview**

### Question Sampler

- > Web-based application students and teachers use to become familiar with the test format, question types, application tools, and accommodations available for operational CBT.
- > Offers practice with previously released State questions
- > Four samplers per Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Grades 5 and 8 Science (New Sampler 3 coming this winter)
- Empty ELA Constructed Response Boxes, Math Equation Editors, and Science Item Type Samplers are available for instructional use.

#### Nextera<sup>®</sup> Test Delivery System

- Secure browser
- Downloaded to students' devices
- Student access and complete tests
- > Offers practice with previously released State questions

#### Nextera<sup>®</sup> Administration (Nextera Admin)

- Online Test Administration System
- Multi-tiered, role-based system
- Manage students and student-test taking

#### ScorePoint

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Centrally-hosted software application to score constructed-response items entered by students during operational computer-based testing





Sampler # 3 is new this year for ELA and Math and Science available in early January

https://ny-scorepoint.questarai.com/scorepoint

https://ny.nextera.guestarai.com/Admin



https://ny.nextera.questarai.com/tds/#practice

# Nextera<sup>®</sup> Test Delivery System

- + Questar Secure Browser Installed on each student device
- + Allows the test to be administered securely on the device
- + Test content cached to the student's testing device when student logs in
  - Responses stored/encrypted locally on computer/device in case of network loss
- + In Chromebooks, set "Do not erase local user data" under Google Admin console so device cache is not cleared

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# **Question Sampler**



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# **Question Sampler**

Available from a webpage and can be used by students, parents, teachers, or administrators.

Users can preview the testing tools without downloading and installing a secure browser or application.

Users can preview test accommodations. Four samplers per grade level for Grades 3-8 ELA and Math and Grades 5 & 8 Science. \*New Sampler 3 coming this winter.

Empty ELA Response Boxes and Math Equation Editors for instructional use.

#### New York State Testing Program

### Question Sampler

The New York State Education Department and NWEA are committed to supporting students, families, teachers, and administrators through every step of the testing process. The Question Sampler offers an opportunity for students to become familiar with the test format, the question types, and the tools they will experience during testing.

Important: Check your device to ensure it meets minimum system requirements for the Question Sampler.

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#### Select Question Sampler

Select Subject

For the best experience use a Chrome browser to access the Sampler

https://ny.nextera.questarai.com/tds/#practice

# **Practice Tests**



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## **Practice Tests**

Teachers and students can log into the Secure Brower application to access the practice tests.

The Secure Browser practice tests are the same practice tests that appear in the Question Sampler.

This allows students to have the experience of logging in and using the tools and navigation within the Secure Browser environment.

Usernames and passwords are posted on <u>CBT Support</u>.



<u>Sample Login</u> Username: elago3 Password: practice

### **Practice Tests**



There will now be certain practice test logins that will allow for the user to practice multiple accommodations at once in the Secure Browser.

- ELA: STT and TTS
- Math: Initial Zoom and Answer Masking
- Science: Initial zoom and Answer Masking

# **Statewide Simulation**



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# Simulation

- + Dates: January 21<sup>st</sup>-January 31st
- + Review Proctor Training prior to Simulation to familiarize yourselves with best practices and logistics.
- + Practice setting accommodations and putting students into different groupings and classes.
- + An opportunity for your school to practice and simulate a testing environment that will take place for operational testing.
- + School wide decision of who participates in the simulation and in what content areas. NYSED does not need to be notified of your decision.

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- + Recommended to have as many students participate in the simulation as possible.
- + NTCs do NOT need to be set for the simulation.

# Testimonials





## Testimonials

We've invited experienced CBT schools who will be providing some tips and helpful information based on their experiences with computer-based testing.



# Helpful Reminders for Computer-Based Testing...

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# **Concurrent Logins**

A Concurrent login issue occurs when a student's credentials are already in use when they attempt to begin testing. This could occur when:

- A student is actively testing and their device malfunctions, including loss of power, they must use an alternate device.
- Another student has signed in using their credentials
   Note: The principal should contact NWEA if a student uses the incorrect credentials.



RICs, DTCs, Principals, and STCs can unlock a student's credentials within Admin. This will allow the student to continue testing.

# **Concurrent Logins**

- RICs, DTCs, PRNs, and STCs will see the "manage" link on the Tests/Tests tab under the Student's NYSSIS ID.
- Clicking on the link will open the Unlock box. Users will click the Unlock
   Credentials to allow that student to log back into the test session.



\*Administrators should make sure that all proctors are familiar with the concurrent login error message and what to do.

# **Reset vs Reactivation**

### <u>Reset</u>

Needed when a student is not assigned their correct accommodation and is not given the correct form on Nextera. This will reset the student to a new form; wiping all answered questions.

### **Reactivation**

Needed when a student accidentally submits a test when they are unfinished. The test needs to be reactivated and reopened for testing.

Contact NWEA Customer Support for assistance

# **Proctor Training**

This year, the Proctor training will be posted on CBT Support earlier, prior to Simulation. This training will go into detail on the responsibilities for proctoring before, during, and after the computer-based test administrations.

By training your proctors prior to the administration of the computer-based tests your school will be able to:

- Maintain the security of the exams
- Create a smooth administration for both proctors and students
- Avoid situations that delay testing or cause misadministrations, such as switched login credentials or mixed formats (CBT and PBT)

### **Resources**

The Proctor Training can be found on <u>CBT Support</u>

Pages 7 & 8 of the <u>SAM</u> provide further information on Proctor Training

\*The 2024-25 edition will be available later in the year.

# **Monitoring Students while Testing**

It is a local decision as to whether the teacher or proctor has access to the Nextera Administration System (Nextera Admin).

While the Examiner View can be helpful to proctors, they should be encouraged to engage in active proctoring, which includes walking around the room to ensure all students are working productively.

### **Examiner View**

Proctors can use the Examiner View in Nextera Admin to monitor testing status. The School Testing Coordinator (STC) or District Testing Coordinator (DTC) also have access to the Examiner View.

### New York State Grades 3-8 Testing Program

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# **Monitoring Students while Testing**

 The Testing Status Details Report is available from the Tests/Testing Status Details tab at the bottom of Class details tab.
 This report is important to use during the Operational Administrations to monitor testing and Not Tested Codes.

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# **Monitoring: Testing Status Details page**

The Testing Status Details page allows users to view a summary of the selected class and school as well as individual student status. Select the 2025 Spring 3-8 admin window to populate the page. The overview box provides a snapshot of testing status at the user's level. For example, DTCs will see the overview at the district level, principals will see the overview for their own school.

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# **Login Tickets**

- + Print in Nextera Admin from the Test Tab from the homepage
- + Proctors should check and double check that students are logging in with the correct ticket

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# Login Tickets: Individual Login Tickets



### Sample individual login ticket:

Student Name: AM, Reviewer

NYSSIS ID: 2406000021 Password: 589991

Test Name: NY2406 Simulation ELA

Accommodation: Answer Masking Tool

Device Name:

Additional information can be found in the <u>How to</u> <u>Print Student Login</u> <u>Tickets QRG on CBT</u> Support.



# **Proctor Pin**

### New York State Grades 3-8 Testing Program

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#### **Teacher Reminders**

The Question Sampler and Practice Tests are a good opportunity for your students to become familiar with the test delivery system for computer-based testing prior to participating in the simulations and in operational or field testing.

Proctor PIN is required when a student needs to restart a paused test

Located on the homepage of Nextera Admin for district and school level users

There is a different Proctor PIN for each school

The Proctor PIN is secure

Administrators are responsible or providing the Proctor PIN to the Proctors prior to testing

The 2024-2025 Secure Browsers will be available for download this fall.

#### **CBT Question Sampler and Practice Tests**

In order to assist our schools with helping students to prepare for the operational CBT exams, the online Question Sampler and the Questar Secure Browser Practice Tests are available for students, teachers, and parents to review the online Nextera Test Delivery System (TDS). The Secure Browser practice tests allow students to experience computer-based testing in the same environment they will use for operational CBT this spring. All students should be familiar with the Questar Secure Browser online tools and navigation before participating in the simulations and the operational computer-based tests.

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#### Access to 2022-2024 Student Constructed Responses Entered on Computer (CBT)

Those schools that administered the 2022, 2023, and 2024 New York State Grades 3 - 8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Session 2 and/or the 2024 Grades 5 & 8 Science Tests to students may access student constructed responses from the "Student Responses" tab. (Note that access to the 2022 constructed responses will be removed in Fall 2024.) The reference guide for accessing student constructed responses provides step-by-step guidance on how to access student responses and is available on the Help page in Nextera Admin. If you need any help accessing student responses, please contact NWEA Customer Support.

#### School Information

District: QAI District 8 (99990001007)

**District Test Coordinator** 

#### Schools:

School: QAI School 1 (99990010052)

#### Create an Account

Proctor PIN: 12345678

**ELA Lead Scoring Entity: Pending** 

Math Lead Scoring Entity: Pending

Science Lead Scoring Entity: Pending

If you are on the Home page and you don't see the Proctor PIN, keep scrolling!

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# Access Codes



# Session Access Codes are on the Tests/Tests tab.

- Access Codes are secure materials.
- Students need the Session Access Code every time they log into a test.
- Access Codes are different for each class/grouping.
- Access Codes are different for ELA, Math, and Science.
- Administrators are responsible for providing to the Proctors prior to testing.



# Access Code v Proctor Pin

The Access Code and Proctor PIN pop-up boxes look similar in the Nextera Test Delivery System but require different codes.

Access code needed						
Please enter the teache	access code that your er gives you.					
Exit	Continue					

 Proctor PIN needed

 Image: Continue this test.

 Image: Cancel

 Continue

The Access Code is required every time a student logs into the test.

The Proctor PIN is required when a student logs back into a previously started test.

# Nextera<sup>®</sup> Test Delivery System

Pausing a Test



# **Internet Connect Lost at Submit**

- + If the connection is not restored before the student has completed testing:
  - Do NOT allow other students to test on the device. Quarantine the device in a secure location until connection has been restored and the student is able to log back into the test and the responses are sent to NWEA.



# **Internet Connection Lost at Submit**

- + If a large number of student devices were offline at the end of a test session, it is recommended to label the devices with the student's name and keep them connected to power.
- + This will make it easier to track which students need to sign back into the device and submit their test when the connection is back online.





# **Internet Connection Lost Student Scenario**

### What do you do?

- Wait 60 seconds for the device to reconnect to the internet (Note: The student can continue testing even if her device is offline)
- 2. Have the student log out of the Test Delivery System
- 3. If network connection is not re-established, quarantine the device until it can be reconnected, and the student may begin testing again
- 4. Ensure the network connection is stable
- 5. Log back into the Test Delivery System
- 6. Verify that network connectivity is back online
- 7. The student can submit her test



# Reminder



Data Privacy and Security

Personal Identification Information (PII)

The New York State Education Department is committed to promoting sound information practices and policies that will strengthen data privacy and security.

When emailing CBT Support or NYSED directly on specific student cases, please only send NYSSIS IDs, the use of one identifiable data element is acceptable, whereas two or more used together constitute a data breach.

This includes but not limited to student's name; birthdate; the name of the student's parent or school; or the address of the student. Whenever communicating via email, only share the NYSSIS ID.

Please contact your local RIC if needing assistance with locating a student's NYSSIS ID.

# **Resources and Support**

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# **Resources – CBT Support**

## More information is available on <u>CBT Support</u>:

### Quick video tutorials:

- Learn how to Download and Test the Questar Secure Browser
- Learn about Nextera Admin features and functionality
- Learn how to add New Users in Nextera Admin
- Learn how to edit and add Classes in Nextera Admin
- Learn how to edit and add Students in Nextera Admin
- Learn how to use the CBT Equation Editor Drawing Tool
- Learn how to use the Highlighter tool on an iPad



Quick Reference Guides (QRG):

- <u>Updating Teacher Accounts QRG</u>
- Equation Editor Drawing Tool QRG
- Text to Speech QRG
- Not Tested Codes QRG
- Accessing Student Constructed <u>Responses QRG</u>
- Concurrent Login QRG
- <u>Setup and Installation Guide (SIG)</u>
- ScorePoint Manual

# **Customer Support**

Schools with questions concerning CBT should:

- 1. Contact your Regional Information Center/ District Level Support
- 2. Contact NWEA Customer Support:

Email: <u>NYTesting@nwea.org</u>

Phone: 1-866-997-0695

For more information on NWEA'S Customer Support team and hours please visit this article on <u>CBT Support</u>.

For policy support/questions, please contact NYSED:

CBTSupport@nysed.gov

https://CBTSupport.nysed.gov



# Any questions that haven't been covered?



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