

Intradistrict Communication

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TO: Middle School Administrators
High School Administrators

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SUBJECT: RISE and Utah Aspire Plus Summative Test Administration and Training

The RISE assessment is a computer adaptive criterion referenced assessment system that includes summative tests for English Language Arts (ELAs), Mathematics, Science, and Writing. The summative tests are scheduled to be delivered to the following middle school grades.

English Language Arts: 7-8
Mathematics: 7-8
Science: 7-8
Writing: 8

The Utah Aspire Plus assessment is a hybrid of ACT Aspire and Utah Core test items. It is a computer delivered, fixed form end-of-grade-level high school assessment for students in 9 and 10. Utah Aspire Plus includes four subtests: reading, English, mathematics, and science. Students receive predicted ACT score ranges for each subtest, as well as an overall predicted composite ACT score range. The assessment also provides proficiency scores for end-of-grade-level expectations for 9th and 10th grade students in English language arts, mathematics, and science.

School administrators are encouraged to share the following information with those who will administer the RISE and/or the Utah Aspire Plus assessments in your buildings:

The RISE assessment window will be open from March 28, 2022, until May 27, 2022. The Utah Aspire Plus assessment window will be open from March 7, 2022, until May 13, 2022. Many teachers only use the RISE and Utah Aspire Plus systems once a year, and so need a yearly training on how it all works. Only teachers who will administer the tests need to be trained.

The following teacher training webinars are already scheduled. Teachers can join at the following link on whichever date they choose:

<https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/5434254472?pwd=bnRlV1BzK3pWMXJKSzI2MXNfYkZvZz09>.

- Friday, March 4, 7:30 AM - 9 AM (UT Aspire Plus @ 7:30, then RISE at 8:15)
- Friday, March 11, 3:45 - 4:30 PM
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- Friday, March 18, 3:45 - 4:30 PM
- Friday, March 25, 9 - 10 AM
- Friday, March 25, 2:30 - 3:30 PM
- Monday, March 28, 2:45 - 3:20 PM and repeat at 3:30 - 4:15 PM
- Tuesday, March 29, 2:45 - 3:20 PM and repeat at 3:30 - 4:15 PM
- Wednesday, March 30, 2:45 - 3:20 PM and repeat at 3:30 - 4:15 PM
- Thursday, March 31, 2:45 - 3:20 PM and repeat at 3:30 - 4:15 PM
- Friday, April 1, 7:30 AM - 9 AM (UT Aspire Plus @ 7:30, then RISE at 8:15)
- Friday, April 1, 3:45 - 5:15 PM (UT Aspire Plus @ 3:45, then RISE at 4:30)
- Friday, April 8, 7:30 AM - 9 AM (UT Aspire Plus @ 7:30, then RISE at 8:15)
- Friday, April 8, 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM (UT Aspire Plus @ 3:45, then RISE at 4:30)

Evaluation, Research & Accountability recommends participating in a training session conducted by Brooke Anderson. She can also schedule more training sessions at times more convenient to your faculty or host any of these Zoom trainings from your school so that your faculty can meet in person and ask questions.

If you do plan to conduct your own training, slides and other materials are provided here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aNHhI0BSSUFVf5Ph1A7lQ3yqfsOzLjIu?usp=sharing>

Teacher video tutorials are available

here: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLksXzQH4TCgju3B1PMY6Kpi6_ExoKZFaM

There is also a Canvas course available: <https://jordanpd.instructure.com/enroll/RLXAJX>. You could have your teachers participate in the Canvas course in lieu of in-person training. The same material is covered.