



*WHAT'S NEW!
AIR Systems
Smarter Balanced
Assessment System
Fall 2015*

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OVERVIEW

A Balanced Assessment System

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium is committed to ensuring that all students leave high school prepared for postsecondary success. A balanced assessment system — which includes the formative assessment process as well as interim and summative assessments — provides tools to improve teaching and learning.

The formative assessment process is an essential component of a balanced assessment system.



Digital Library

Available Now

Resources to help teachers improve classroom-based assessment practices



Interim Assessments

Available Beginning Winter 2014-15

Optional online assessments to check student progress and help teachers plan and improve instruction



Summative Assessments

Available Spring 2015

Year-end assessments in math and English for grades 3-8 and 11 that use both computer adaptive testing and performance tasks

FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE



General Information:

Available now

1. Test Coordinator and Teacher / TA Resources folders reorganized
2. Practice and Training Tests
3. Interim Assessment Content
4. New Quick Guides:
 1. TIDE Quick Guide
 2. Practice and Training Tests (updated for 2015-16)

FOR ALL SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE

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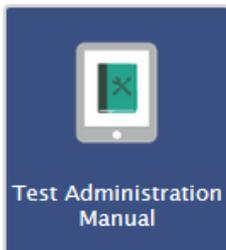
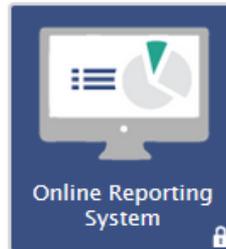
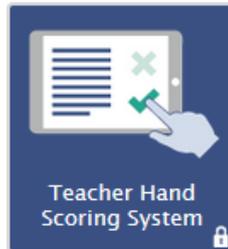
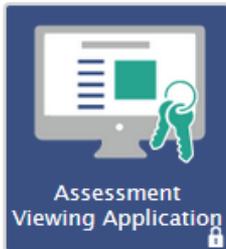
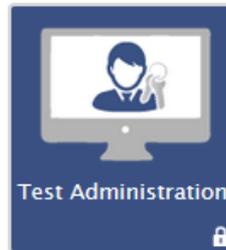
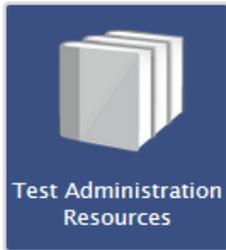
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TIDE:

Test Information Distribution Engine

Available now

1. ** Districts now load their own students; no ISEE download into TIDE
2. School dropdown lists in alphabetical order
3. EDUID has replaced SSID; restricted to 9 digits
4. Student movement to districts / schools without adding or deleting-
User must have access to those districts /schools.
5. Additional “Advanced Search” criteria in student section; search by accommodations...also changes to Student Settings upload file (new accommodations)
6. Updated titled on Interim Assessment from ‘Reading’ to ELA
7. TIDE acceptable grades eliminate Gr. 12 (GR K-1 also not available)



TIDE:

Test Information Distribution Engine

Available during Spring test window (March 28)

1. Updated “Test Incident Codes” to be “Special Codes”
 - Test labels in Special Codes are more user-friendly
 - Alternate Assessment new option in “Special Codes”
2. Updated “Appeals” to be “Test Improperities”
 - Additional types of test improperities with clarified descriptions

FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE

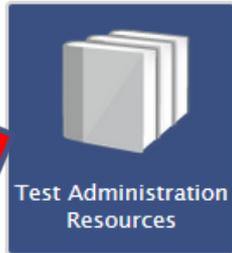
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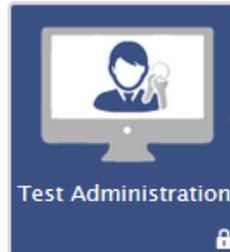
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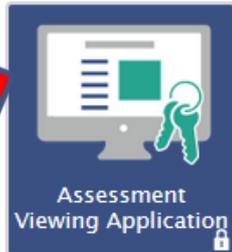
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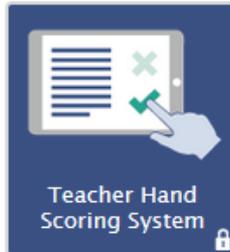
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Test Administration



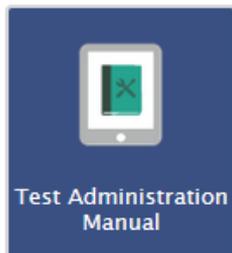
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Assessment Viewing Application (AVA)

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SESSION ID

Sign In

Username

Password

[Sign In](#)

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(State-SSID: GUEST)

Choose a Test Grade

Please choose the appropriate test grade.

Grade:

[Log Out](#) [Next](#)

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(State-SSID: GUEST) TEST-4326-1

Available Tests

Click on a test below to review it.

- [Start Grade 6 Interim ELA](#)
- [StartGrade 6 Interim Writing](#)
- [Start Grade 6 Interim Mathematics](#)

[Back to Login](#)



Test Administrator Interface

- Users will now see the test selection screen as soon as they log into the application.
- Completely redesigned widget now supports an unlimited number of assessments, test names of any length, customizable categories, customizable colors and the ability to very quickly select many assessments at once.
- Start Session button is now on this new screen.

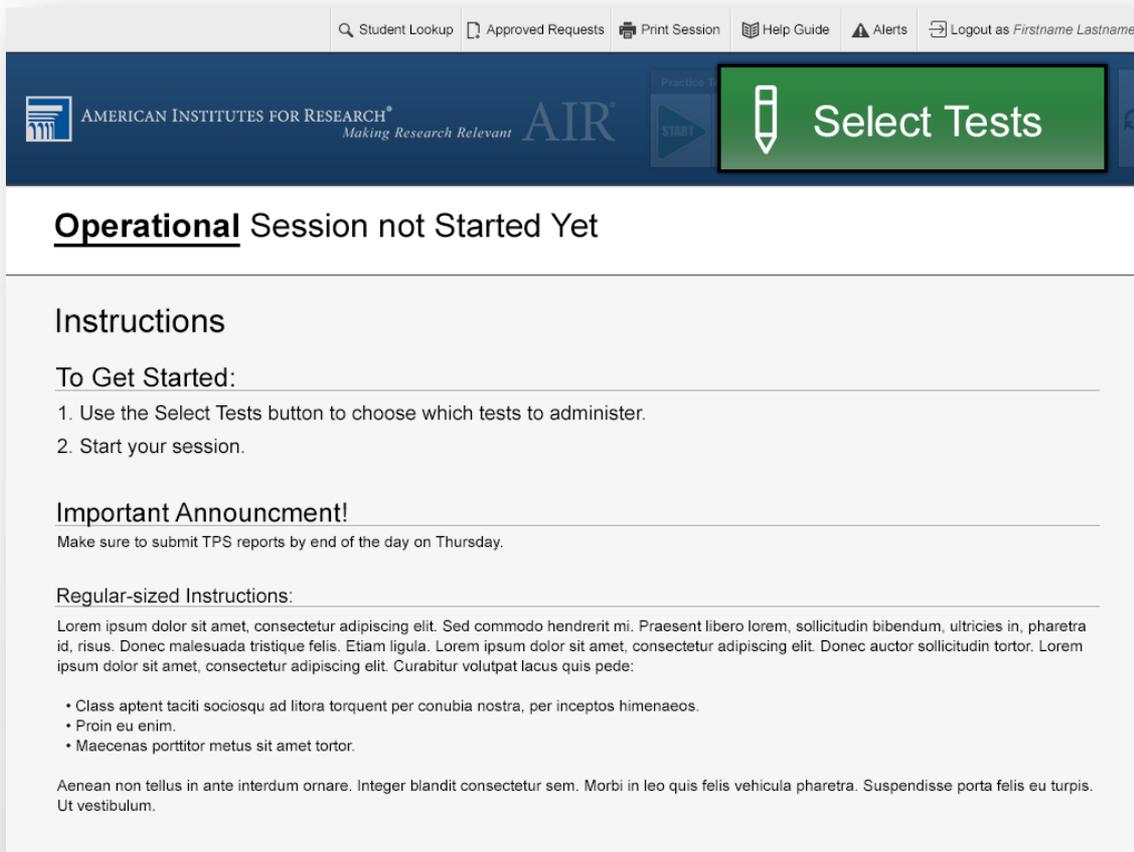
The screenshot displays the 'Operational Tests Selection' dialog box overlaid on the main application interface. The dialog box contains the following elements:

- Header:** 'Operational Tests Selection' with a 'Collapse All' button.
- Instructions:** 'Choose which tests to add to your session from the tree, and then start your session.'
- Test Categories:**
 - Summative (Blue):**
 - Summative
 - Mathematics
 - English Language Arts
 - Grade 3 ELA Summative
 - Grade 4 ELA Summative
 - Grade 5 ELA Summative
 - Grade 6 ELA Summative
 - Interim (ICA) (Yellow):**
 - Mathematics
 - Grade 3 Math ICA
 - Grade 4 Math ICA
- Buttons:** 'Start Operational Session' (green) and 'Cancel' (white).

The background interface shows the 'Operational Sess' section with instructions and a 'Select Tests' button.

Test Administrator Interface

- If a TA dismisses the test selection dialog they may still use all the features they could before, but the [Select Tests] button will be the most dominant button on the screen.
- Functions used less often have been moved to the gray bar at the top of the screen.
- Instructions have been enlarged until the session starts.



The screenshot displays the Test Administrator Interface. At the top, a navigation bar contains links for Student Lookup, Approved Requests, Print Session, Help Guide, Alerts, and Logout as *Firstname Lastname*. Below this is a dark blue header with the American Institutes for Research (AIR) logo and the tagline "Making Research Relevant". A prominent green button labeled "Select Tests" is highlighted with a red box. The main content area is titled "Operational Session not Started Yet" and contains instructions for getting started, an important announcement about TPS reports, and regular-sized instructions with placeholder text.

Student Lookup Approved Requests Print Session Help Guide Alerts Logout as *Firstname Lastname*

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Select Tests

Operational Session not Started Yet

Instructions

To Get Started:

1. Use the Select Tests button to choose which tests to administer.
2. Start your session.

Important Announcement!

Make sure to submit TPS reports by end of the day on Thursday.

Regular-sized Instructions:

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Test Administrator Interface

- In the event that the user already has a session started and they need to ADD tests to this existing session (1) we will only warn them of this action once instead of consistently and (2) the button will explicitly say “Add to Session”.

The screenshot displays the Test Administrator Interface for the American Institutes for Research. The main window shows a list of students in a session, with columns for Student Name, SSID, and Student Status. A modal dialog titled "Operational Tests Selection" is open, allowing the user to choose tests to add to the session. The dialog includes a "Collapse All" button and a "567-1" indicator. The dialog content is as follows:

Choose which tests to add to your session from the tree, and then start your session.

- Summative
 - Mathematics
 - English Language Arts
 - Grade 3 ELA Summative
 - Grade 4 ELA Summative
 - Grade 5 ELA Summative
 - Grade 6 ELA Summative
- Interim (ICA)
 - Mathematics
 - Grade 3 Math ICA
 - Grade 4 Math ICA

At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: "Add to Operational Session" (with a green plus icon) and "Cancel".

Test Administrator Interface

- Tool/Accommodation selection is given more real estate to make this task easier.

The screenshot displays the 'Tests Settings' modal for a student. The modal is titled 'Tests Settings for Firstname Lastname' and includes three action buttons: 'Set', 'Set & Approve', and 'Done'. The settings are as follows:

- SSID: 99999991234 | Summative Test Name 1 | Opportunity 1
- Permissive Mode: Permissive Mode Disabled
- Item Response Recovery: Disabled
- Audio Playback Controls: Play and Stop
- Color Contrast: Black on White (default)
- Language: English
- Masking: Masking Not Available
- Print on Demand: None
- Zoom: 1X
- Text-to-Speech: None
- Number of Accommodations: None
- Accommodation Codes: None, A102, A228

The background shows a list of students with columns for 'Student Name', 'GUEST', and 'started: 0/6'. The top navigation bar includes 'Student Lookup', 'Approved Requests', 'Print Session', 'Help Guide', 'Alerts', and 'Logout as Firstname Lastname'.



Test Administrator Interface

- Search features are cleaner and highlight what the user is being asked to do.

The screenshot displays the Test Administrator Interface with a search modal window open. The modal has two tabs: "Quick Search" and "Advanced Search". The "Quick Search" tab is active, showing instructions: "Enter the student's full Student ID (SSID) and select [Submit SSID] to search for that student's record. A record displays the student's name, birth date, grade, and school/district information. Searches by partial SSID are not permitted." Below the instructions is a "Note": "This Student Lookup feature allows you to verify student information for login purposes only. It does not indicate whether a student is eligible to test. To verify student eligibility for a specific online assessment, please check TIDE." At the bottom of the modal is a search form with a green background, containing a text input field labeled "SSID:" and a "SEARCH" button. The background interface shows a list of students with columns for "Student Name", "Grade", "School", and "District".

Operational Tests

Select Tests

Approvals 4

Close

Quick Search Advanced Search

Student

4 students await

Student Name

GUEST

Third Color

Use Test

SSID: SEARCH

Results

First Name: Lzrr

Last Name: Csid

SSID: 9

Grade: 10

Date of Birth: 12/01/1998

Gender: F

School: Adel Elementary School (20630498)

District: Adel SD 21 (2063)

Challenge Up:

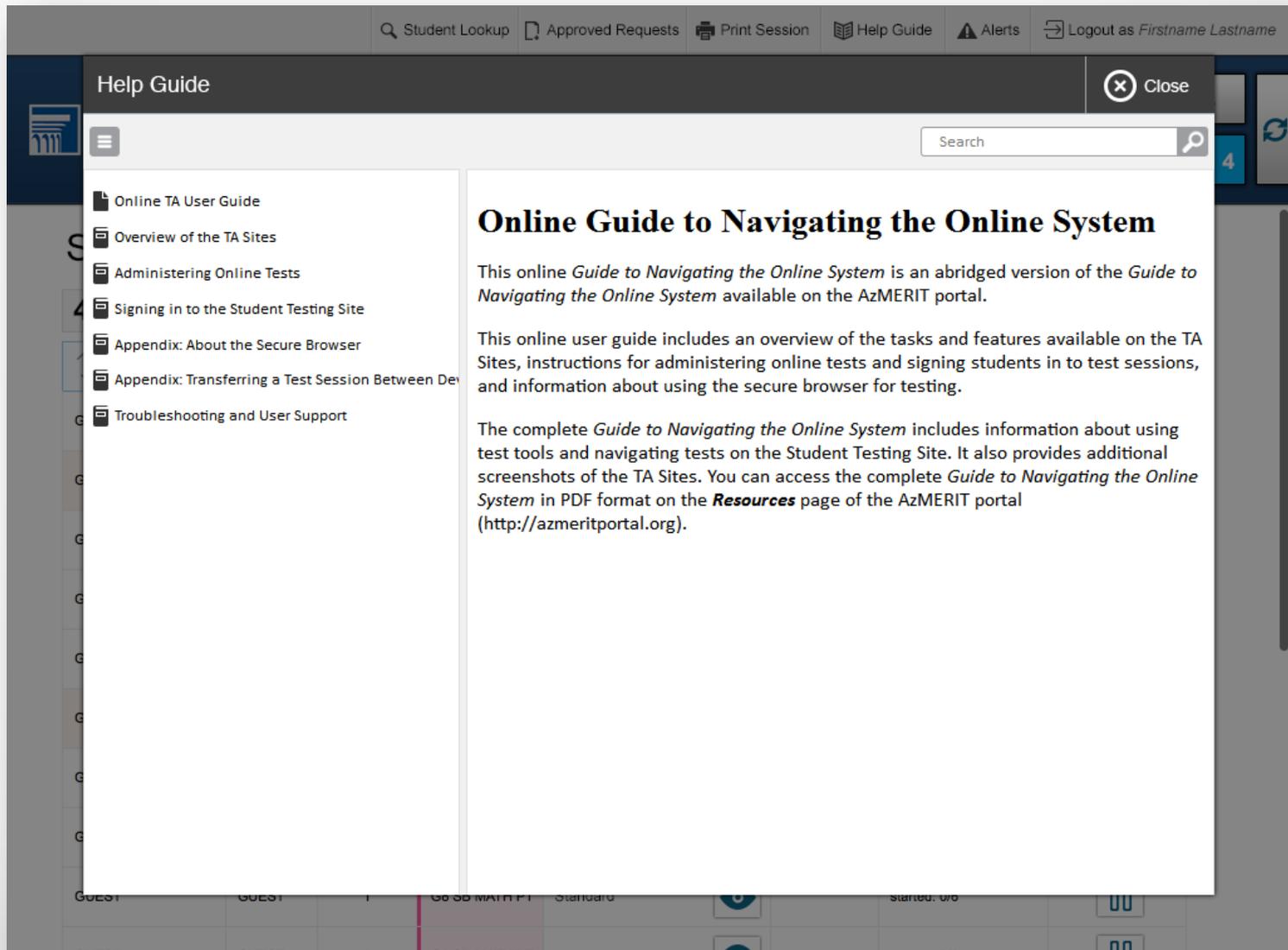
LEP: Y

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Test Administrator Interface

- Updated Help guide is now searchable and easier to use.



The screenshot shows a web application interface with a top navigation bar containing links for Student Lookup, Approved Requests, Print Session, Help Guide, Alerts, and Logout as *Firstname Lastname*. A 'Help Guide' window is open, featuring a search bar and a sidebar with a table of contents:

- Online TA User Guide
- Overview of the TA Sites
- Administering Online Tests
- Signing in to the Student Testing Site
- Appendix: About the Secure Browser
- Appendix: Transferring a Test Session Between Devices
- Troubleshooting and User Support

The main content area of the help guide displays the following text:

Online Guide to Navigating the Online System

This online *Guide to Navigating the Online System* is an abridged version of the *Guide to Navigating the Online System* available on the AzMERIT portal.

This online user guide includes an overview of the tasks and features available on the TA Sites, instructions for administering online tests and signing students in to test sessions, and information about using the secure browser for testing.

The complete *Guide to Navigating the Online System* includes information about using test tools and navigating tests on the Student Testing Site. It also provides additional screenshots of the TA Sites. You can access the complete *Guide to Navigating the Online System* in PDF format on the **Resources** page of the AzMERIT portal (<http://azmeritportal.org>).

Test Administrator Interface

- Responsive design now accommodates tablets with no noticeable difference to the user interface.
- UI for phones is very familiar and easy to use despite a small screen.

Operational Tests Selection Collapse All 

Summative

Mathematics

English Language Arts

Grade 3 ELA Summative

Grade 4 ELA Summative

Grade 5 ELA Summative

Grade 6 ELA Summative

Interim (ICA)

Mathematics

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 Start **Operational** Session Cancel

Session ID **TEST-4567-1**

Select Tests Approvals **4**

Students in Your **Operational** Session

4 students awaiting approval 2 print requests

23 students in your session ● = Summative ● = ICA ● = Third Color

| Student Name | Test | Status |  |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Jon Cohen | Grade 3 Reading | paused 16/30 |  |
| Bobby Extralongn | Grade 3 Math | started |  |
| Pizza Burger | Grade 4 Social Studies | in progress 12/30 |  |
| Selina Tolosa | Grade 4 Science | paused 16/30 |  |
| Daniel Schwartz | High School Writing | started |  |
| Jeremy Fisher | Grade 3 Reading | in progress 12/30 |  |
| Jon Cohen | Grade 3 Math | paused 16/30 |  |
| Bobby Extralongn | Grade 4 Social Studies | started |  |

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Logout: *Firstname Lastname*

Student Lookup

Approved Requests

Alerts

Help Guide

Print Session

Test Administrator Interface

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Approve All Students Refresh Done

Approvals and Student Test Settings

Summative TEST NAME 1

| Student Name | Opp # | Details | Action | |
|--------------------|-------|---------|--------|--|
| Firstname Lastname | 1 | | | |
| Firstname Lastname | 3 | | | |
| Firstname Lastname | 1 | | | |
| Firstname Lastname | 1 | | | |

ICA TEST NAME 2

| Student Name | Opp # | Details | Action | |
|--------------------|-------|---------|--------|--|
| Firstname Lastname | 2 | | | |
| Firstname Lastname | 1 | | | |
| Firstname Lastname | 1 | | | |
| Firstname Lastname | 1 | | | |

Set Set & Approve Done

Test Settings for Firstname Lastname

SSID: 99999991234

You must select [Set] or [Set & Approve] to confirm these test settings. Use [Set] to confirm the settings and return to the main Approvals screen to approve this student.

Permissive Mode:

Item Response Recovery:

Audio Playback Controls:

Color Contrast:

Language:

Masking:

Print on Demand: None

Zoom:

Text-to-Speech:

Number of Accommodations:

Accommodation Codes:



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Close

Quick Search | Advanced Search

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SSID:

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District: Adel SD 21 (2063)
Challenge Up:
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Close

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Use the drop-down menus to select the District, School, and Grade for your search. A First or Last Name is required.

District/School:

Grade:

First Name:

Last Name:

Results

| SSID | Last Name | First Name | Grade | |
|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|--|
| 99999991234 | Cohen | Jon | 1 | |
| 99999991235 | Extralongname | Bobby | 2 | |
| 99999991236 | Burger | Pizza | 3 | |

Student Details

First Name: Becky
Last Name: Bell
SSID: 9999951101
Grade: 01
Date of Birth: 12/01/1998
Gender: F
School: zzz AIR Training District (99999999)
District: zzz AIR Training District (9999)
Challenge Up:
LEP: Y
Name: Bell, Becky
Ethnicity: 4



TDS:

Test Delivery System

Available now (continued)

5. Student Interface Updates

- Updated audio player for listening items
- Text to Speech settings (volume, rate, pitch) available within the test
- Highlighting persists throughout entire test
- Item response Time Machine
- Student have unlimited opportunities to take the interim tests

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Scrubber for Embedded Audio

- Enables a student to drag to the desired position in the audio.

Around the World in Seventy-Two Days

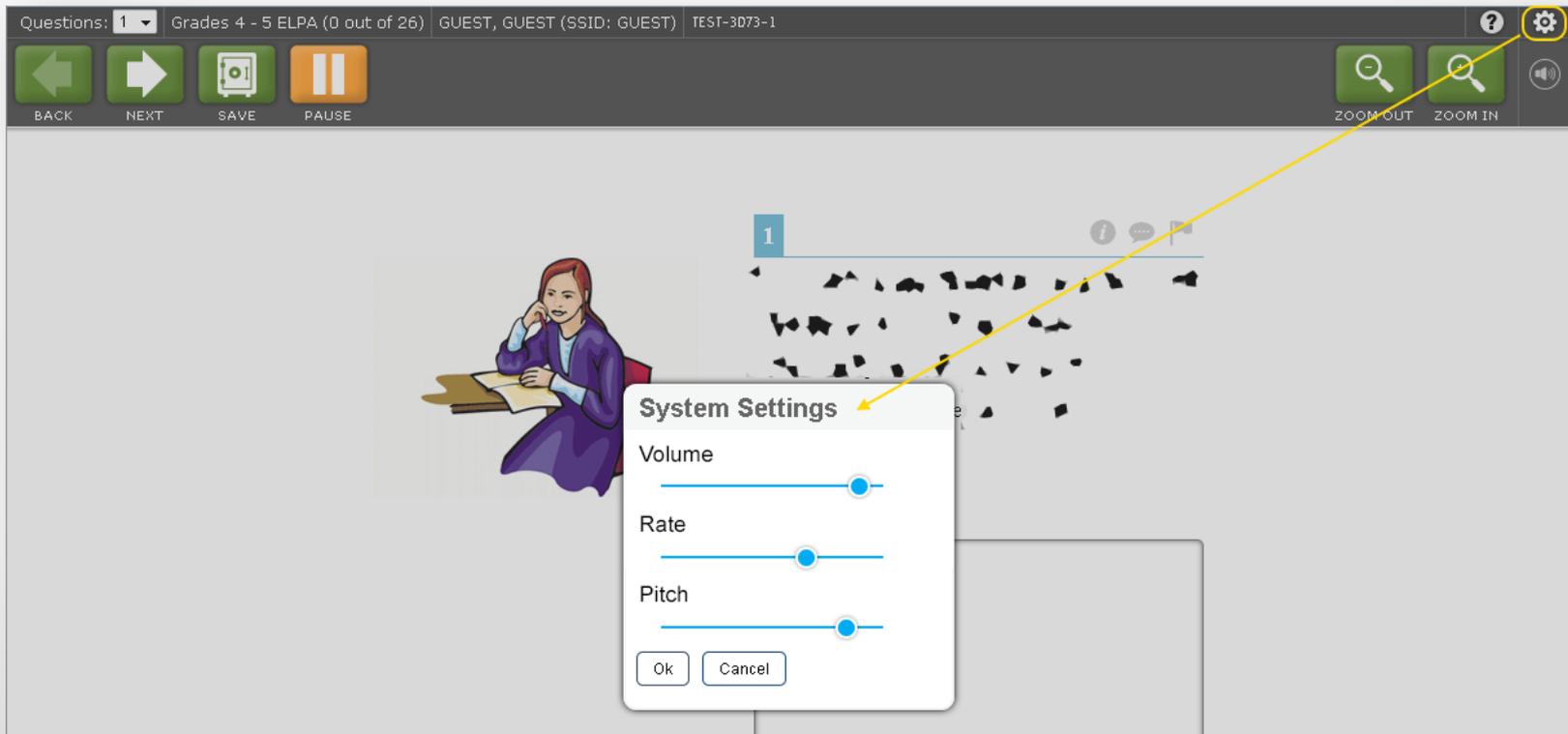
Listen to the presentation. Then answer the questions.





Text-to-Speech Settings

- Volume, rate, and pitch can now be set from within a student's test when the Text-to-Speech accommodation setting has been selected in TIDE.



The screenshot displays the TIDE testing interface. At the top, the header shows "Questions: 1", "Grades 4 - 5 ELPA (0 out of 26)", "GUEST, GUEST (SSID: GUEST)", and "TEST-3D73-1". Below the header is a toolbar with buttons for BACK, NEXT, SAVE, and PAUSE on the left, and ZOOM OUT, ZOOM IN, and a speaker icon on the right. A settings gear icon in the top right corner is circled in yellow, with a yellow arrow pointing to the "System Settings" dialog box. The dialog box contains three sliders for "Volume", "Rate", and "Pitch", and "Ok" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom. The background of the interface shows a question number "1" and a partially visible question text.



Item Response Time Machine

Response Recovery

▼ Sitting 2 (Now)

Version 5 - 87 characters

Version 4 - 74 characters

Version 3 - 87 characters

Version 2 - 53 characters

▶ Sitting 1 (4/24/2015)

The **quick brown** fox jumped over the **lazy** dog.

Cancel

Submit

- Empowers a student with the ability to recover a saved (or auto-saved) draft.
- Invoked from the item tools or context menu.
- All drafts are available and ordered from most recent to oldest
- Restricted to a single test session



TDS:

Test Delivery System

Available by 2016-17

1. Secure Browser Auto-Update feature
2. Additional Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Updates



Building a barrier free web

Accessibility Statement

American Institutes for Research is Committed to Accessibility

American Institutes for Research is in the process of making accessibility improvements to its Test Delivery System. We have worked with a leader in digital accessibility, [Deque Systems, Inc.](#), to create a report and remediate our initial issues.

WCAG 2.0 Level AA Conformance

AIR's Test Delivery System has been tested and found to be conformant with WCAG 2.0 Level AA. Testing and remediation originated October 2013. Starting November 2014 through February 2015, more robust testing and remediation was completed, with final spot-checks completed on February 26, 2015.

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Added September 8, 2015

NEW: ORS is available at this time. We apologize for the short delay, but have now insured that all features are fully functioning. Please contact the help desk if additional assistance is needed while working in ORS.

Added September 8, 2015

NEW: ORS is down for unexpected maintenance. We apologize for the inconvenience. We will post updates to the portal as soon as the site is available.

Added September 1, 2015

NEW: The Teacher Hand Scoring System (THSS) user guide is now available on the Teachers & Test Administrators or Test Coordinators Resources page.

Added August 31, 2015



THSS:

Teacher Hand Scoring System

Available now

1. District-level users can now score items
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