Kite Practice Test Guide

KAP SUMMATIVE, INTERIM, MINI-TESTS

KELPA SUMMATIVE

GRADE 2 READING

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About the Kansas Assessment Program

The Kansas Assessment Program (KAP), a program of the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), fulfills a mandate from the Kansas legislature. KAP assessments include: KAP Summative, KAP Interim, KAP Mini-Tests, Grade 2 Reading, KELPA (Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment) Summative, KELPA Screener, and cPass (Career Pathways Assessment).

Each of these assessments plays a role in realizing the KSDE vision of a Balanced Assessment System (BAS). This system is characterized by a cohesive, comprehensive, and continuous approach where assessments at different levels work together seamlessly. The BAS integrates formative, interim, and summative methods and strategies tailored to diverse student and educator needs. A properly structured BAS facilitates the seamless exchange of information among state, district, school, and classroom assessments, informing educational decisions throughout.
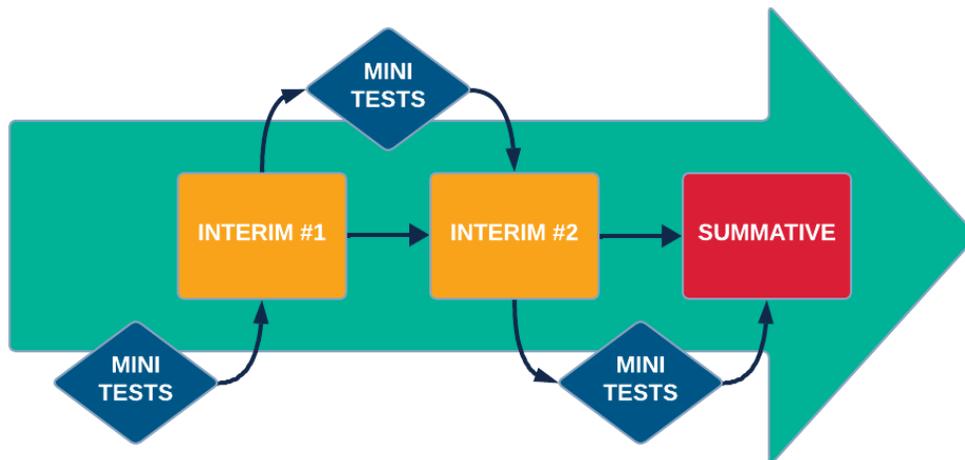
KAP Assessments serve as a cornerstone in both state and federal accountability frameworks, holding significant weight in meeting legislative requirements such as those outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The KAP and KELPA Summative assessments specifically address these mandates, ensuring compliance with rigorous educational standards. Beyond their regulatory function, KAP assessments also play a pivotal role in transparency and public engagement. By making assessment results publicly accessible, families are empowered to make informed decisions about the education of their children.

About Kite, AAI, and ATS

The Kite® Suite is developed by the Assessment and Technology Solutions (ATS), which is a center under the Achievement and Assessment Institute (AAI). AAI is a service and research entity within the School of Education and Human Sciences at the University of Kansas.

The Kite Suite consists of these main components (i.e., portals):

- **Kite Content Portal (CP)** – Used by assessment professionals to create engaging test items including technology-enhanced (TE) items mapped to national and state standards.
- **Kite Educator Portal (EP)** – Used by test coordinators and test administrators to manage data, monitor test completion, and access reports.
- **Kite Student Portal (SP)** – Used by students to take assessments.

- **Kite Scoring Portal (ScP)** – Used by educators and scoring professionals to score human-scored items such as open-ended or audio-capture items.
- **Kite Parent Portal (PP)** – Used by parents to view student score reports.

Getting Help

Common tasks are described in this manual, but if you require additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Program Resources

Resource	Location
Phone	855-277-9752
Email	kap-support@ku.edu
Kite Educator Portal & Live Chat	https://educator.kiteaai.org
Hours[1]	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM CT, M-F (July – February) 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM CT, M-F (March – June)
Kite Student Portal Homepage URL	https://student.kiteaai.org/start
Kite Student Portal Icon	
Program Website	https://ksassessments.com
Kite Status Page	https://ksassessments.com/kite

[1] The Kite Service Desk is closed the week of Christmas and on major US Holidays.

Live Chat

Live Chat in EP may be used to contact the Kite Service Desk during normal business hours.

Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

Do not send any Personally Identifiable Information (PII) (e.g., first name, last name, date of birth, and social security) for a student via email or Live Chat. This is a federal violation of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). PII information may also include combinations of data such as a student ID and school name.

Do send the student state ID number only and the error or concern you are reporting regarding the test taker.

Overview

Practice Tests (PTs) help students gain confidence navigating assessments and question types. Students can log in from home or school using this link: https://student.kiteaai.org.

There are four types of PTs: technology, subject-oriented, braille, and Grade 2 Reading.

- **Technology Practice Tests (TPTs)** provide practice on simple questions, manipulation of each question type, and familiarity with different tools. TPTs include question instructions, video demonstrations, pop-up coaching messages, and text-to-speech (TTS) read-aloud for K–1. Video demonstrations and instructions on each question demonstrate how to answer each question type. A pop-up coaching message tells students whether the answer is correct or incorrect.
- **Subject-Oriented Practice Tests (SPTs)** focus on more complex subject-oriented questions, successful manipulation of question types, and a deeper experience with different tools.
    - SPT: KELPA provides practice for the Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment.
    - SPT: ELA, Math, and Science provide practice for ELA, Math, and Science.
    - SPT: ELA, Math, and Science with Personal Needs Profile (PNP) provide practice with accommodations.
- **Braille Practice Tests (BPTs)** modify the layout and formatting of different question types used in the braille booklets. BPTs include subject-oriented questions (ELA, Math, and Science) similar to content used on the SPTs and have text-to-speech tools enabled. For information about ordering Braille Practice Tests, please contact the Kite Service Desk.
- **Grade 2 Reading Practice Tests (G2RPTs)** provide practice on the type of questions used on the Grade 2 Reading Assessment. Students also gain practice using Kite Student Portal tools.

Access Kite Student Portal (Two Options for Practice Tests)

Students, parents, and teachers have two options when taking Practice Tests.
Option 1: Install the Kite Student Portal app on your device. Visit the KAP website for more information.
Option 2: Enter https://student.kiteaai.org into a browser (Firefox, Chrome, Edge, or Safari).
Students must take all other assessments using the Kite Student Portal application.

> **Note:** Kite Practice Tests can be accessed on a browser, including access by parents and students outside of the classroom. Students must take all other assessments using the more secure Kite Student Portal application.

Access Practice Tests

1. Open Kite Student Portal.
2. On the login page, enter a username and password from the tables below.
3. Select **Sign In**.
4. Select **Practice First** on the home screen.
5. Select **Technology** (TPTs), **Subject** (STPs), **Braille** (BPTs), or **Grade 2 Reading** (G2RPTs).
6. Find the practice test you want and select **Take Test**.

Practice Test Logins

Subject Practice Tests: ELA, Math, Sci

Grades	Username	Password
3–5	elem.practice	gate5
6–8	middle.practice	jazz4
10–11	high.practice	sent2

PNP Subject Practice Tests: ELA, Math, Sci*

Grades	Username	Password
3–5	pnp.elem.practice	take8
6–8	pnp.middle.practice	swamp
10–11	pnp.high.practice	wrap4

* Students practice with PNP settings.

KELPA Practice Tests

Grades	Username	Password
K–1	int.demo.k-1	mild9
2–5	int.demo.2-5	moral
6–12	int.demo.6-12	deny0

Technology Practice Tests

Grades	Username	Password
K–1	tech.practice.k-1	near3
2–5	tech.practice.2-5	canny
6–12	tech.practice.6-12	gazed

Braille Practice Tests**

Grades	Username	Password
3–5		
6–8	braille.practice	busy4
10–11		

** All grade levels are available under a single login, and logins include text-to-speech.

Grade 2 Reading Practice Tests

Grade	Username	Password
2	read.practice	apple

Assessment Selection & Directions Screen

After logging in, students encounter the directions screen. KELPA SPTs require a mic check before seeing the directions screen. The test name displays at the top of the screen. All students can have directions read aloud by clicking the speaker button. **Go Back** takes the student to the test selection screen. **Begin** takes the student to the first question.

Question Screen

1. **Student Name:** Verify the student's name displayed. Image contains fictitious student.
2. **Top Navigation Bar:** Select any number to go to the corresponding question.
3. **Flag Icon:** Select this icon to indicate this is an item to return to later. When selected:
   a. A flagged question that is unanswered appears on a white background with a red border and a red flag below the number.
   b. A flagged question that has been answered appears on a white background with a blue border and a blue flag with a small dot below the number.
4. **Help Icon:** Select to access directions about answering a question type.
5. **Help Video Icon:** Select on TPTs to play a video showing how to answer correctly.
6. **Review/End Button:** This button will take a student directly to the review screen at the end of the test. See the Review/End Screen section in this document for additional information.
7. **Back and Next Buttons:** Select to go backward or forward one item at a time. If students select Back on the first question, they are brought back to the directions page.
8. **Clear Button:** This button clears responses to a question and removes any highlighting the student has made on technology-enhanced questions.
9. **Tools:** The Toolbox displays available tools. Select the arrow icon on the left side of the screen to expand the Toolbox. Select the arrow icon again to close the Toolbox.
10. **Instructions:** On TPTs and SPTs, text at the top of each question explains how to answer each item type.

Passage & Questions Screen (stimulus with questions)
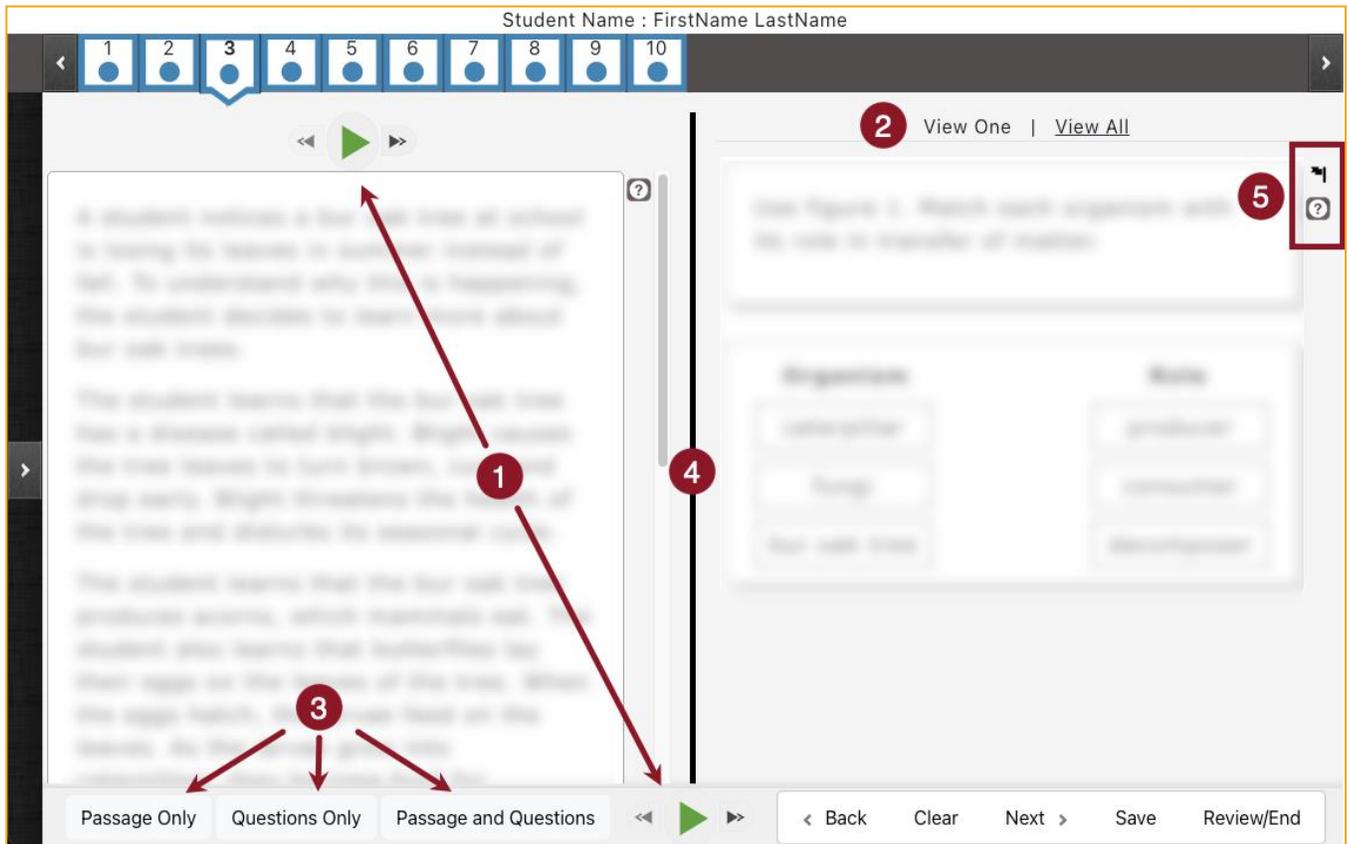
1. **Text-to-Speech Buttons:** These buttons are available to students requiring text-to-speech. For questions regarding text-to-speech accommodations, refer to Kite Accessibility Manual and/or the Kansas Accommodations Manual on the KAP website.
2. **Question View (View One/View All):** These options are only available when content, such as an ELA passage, is presented with the test questions. **View One** displays one question and its answer choices at a time. **View All** displays the question and answer choices the student is currently on, as well as the remaining questions associated with the passage or poem.
3. **Content View (Passage Only/Question Only/Passage and Questions):** These options are only available when content, such as an ELA reading passage or poem, is presented with the test questions. These options are located along the bottom of the screen.
   - Passage Only: Select this option to display only the passage or poem.
   - Questions Only: Select this option to display only the questions and answer choices.
   - Passage and Questions: Select this option to display both the passage or poem and the questions and answer choices. This is the default display.
4. **Bold Dividing Line:** When in Passage and Questions view, the bold dividing line drags left or right, allowing the passage or questions to occupy more space.
5. **Help and Video Help:** Help and Video Help provide reminders on how to answer an item type in text or video format.

About Question Types

In addition to multiple-choice items, students encounter more complex and cognitively challenging types of questions. Technology Enhanced Items (TEIs) ask students to graph, categorize, label, match, order, and construct answers. For example, students select objects on the screen to move, connect objects on the screen, choose words or phrases from a body of text, or provide multiple answers for one question.

About Question Prompts on Practice Tests

Most practice tests include instructions and/or purpose-setting statements above each question explaining how to answer that question type. Instructions may begin with the words, "For this question, you will …," or "Click or tap and hold …," to inform students about what action is required to answer. The TPTs include Help Videos showing students how to correctly respond.

Instructions and Help Videos are only on practice tests, *not* Interim or Summative assessments.

Review/End Screen

The Review/End screen displays each question number and indicates whether it is answered, unanswered, and/or marked for review. Students return to a question by clicking the question number. Use the **Back** button on the Review/End screen to return to the last question of the test.
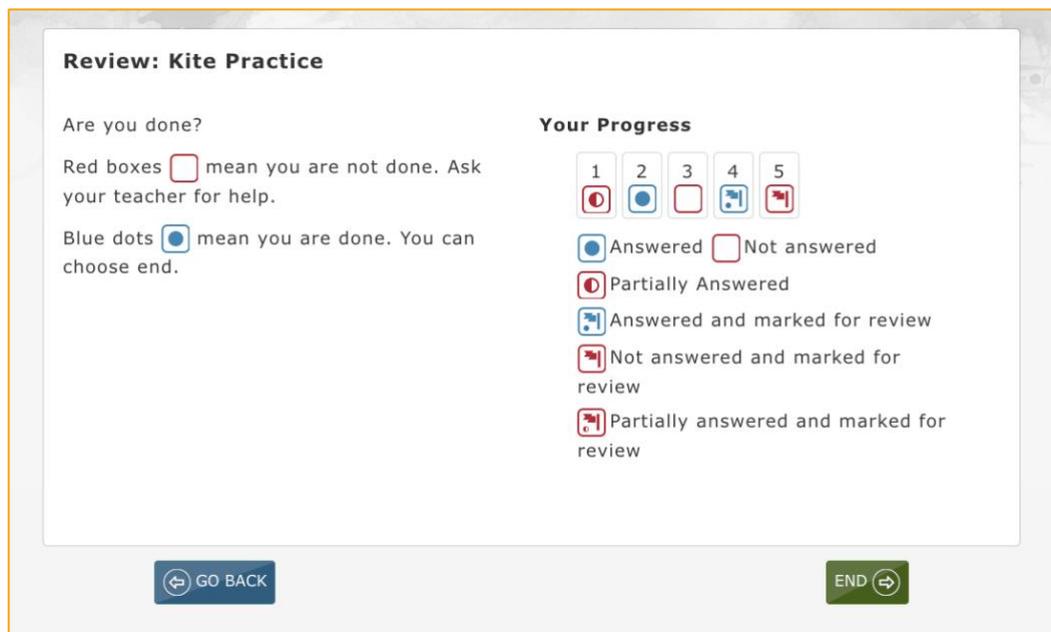
Students select **End** when finished with the assessment. A window pops up asking, "Are you sure you want to end?" Selecting **No** takes students back to the Review/End screen. Selecting **Yes** ends the test and takes students back to the assessment selection screen. From there, students can exit Kite Student Portal.

Soft Breaks

A "soft break" is used in the Math assessment, at grade 6 and above, to separate questions where handheld calculators can and cannot be used. Soft breaks are also used on KAP Mini-Tests to separate mini-tests when more than one mini-test is combined in one test.

> **Note:** Soft breaks are not on the practice tests. The image below shows how a soft break Review/End screen would appear.

1. **Directions**: Soft-break directions explain that the student will not be able to return to these questions after choosing the Continue button.
2. **Continue Button**: When selected, a window pops up saying, "You will not be able to return to this section once you leave. Are you sure you want to move to the next section?" Selecting **Continue** ends the assessment section and takes the student to the directions page of the next section.

Tools

Practice Tests feature a variety of tools. Some tools are available for all subjects, while other tools, such as the calculator, are specific to certain grades and subjects. All tools are accessed by clicking on the arrow icon in the left side of the screen to pop out the **Toolbox**. A chart listing the tools available on PTs is below.

Icon	Tool	Description	Notes
	Auditory Calming	Plays calming music while taking an assessment, with six channel options.[14]	Students should use headphones.
	Calculator - Basic	Allows students to perform basic calculations.[2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13]	Not available for grades 3−5. Available on some but not all questions for grade 6 and above.
	Calculator - TI Graphing	Allows students to plot graphs, solve equations, and display several lines of calculations on the screen.[8, 13]	Available on some but not all questions for grade 10.
	Calculator - TI Scientific	Allows students to perform calculations in Science, Engineering, and Mathematics.[3, 7, 10, 12]	Not available for grades 3−5. Available on some but not all questions for grade 6 and above.
Guide	Guideline	When selected, this tool follows the student's pointer and lightly highlights the text, line by line.[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14]	For use on passages and poems.
	Tags	Allows students to use various tags within a reading passage. Tags remain in the passage until the student selects the tag to remove them. The tags available are Main Idea, Supporting Details, Key Word, Evidence, Reread This, and Help.[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14]	For use on passages and poems, questions and responses.
	Eraser	Removes highlighting and striker marks from the screen.[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]	For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices.
	Highlighter	Allows students to select text on the screen and highlight the selected text with a pink background.[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]	For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices.
	Library	Allows students to access a resource sheet of formulas and conversions.[2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13]	Available on all Math for grades 4−8 and 10.
note	Notes	Presents a yellow rectangle on the screen where students can type notes about the test content.[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13]	For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices.
	Search	Allows students to enter search terms. Matching words are then highlighted in orange.[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13]	For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices.
	Whole Screen Magnification	Allows students to magnify the screen up to five times (5×).[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]	For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices.
	Sketch Pad	Gives students space to draw and write.[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13]	Available on all tests.

Icon	Tool	Description	Notes
abc	Striker	Allows students to place an x through an answer choice that is not desired. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]	For use on multiple-choice and multiple-select answer choices.
Pt	Periodic Table	Presents a standard periodic table. Students select an element to view its atomic number, atomic mass, and element name. [2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13]	Available on all Science tests.

[1] This tool is available on TPT grades K–1.
[2] This tool is available on TPT grades 2–5.
[3] This tool is available on TPT grades 6–12.
[4] This tool is available on SPT KELPA.
[5] This tool is available on SPT ELA.
[6] This tool is available on SPT Math grades 3–5.
[7] This tool is available on SPT Math grades 6–8.
[8] This tool is available on SPT Math grades 10.
[9] This tool is available on SPT Science grade 5.
[10] This tool is available on SPT Science grades 8 and 11.
[11] This tool is available on BPT grades 3–5.
[12] This tool is available on BPT grades 6–8.
[13] This tool is available on BPT grades 10–11.
[14] This tool is available on G2RPTs.

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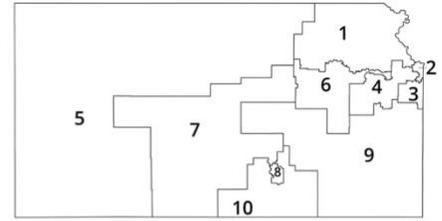- Technical skills,
- Employability skills and
- Civic engagement

to be successful in postsecondary education, in the attainment of an industry recognized certification or in the workforce, without the need for remediation.

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