



2025 State Assessments



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Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.

Historical Perspective



- Prior to 6/1/2020 KSDE contracted annually with the University of Kansas to provide state assessments to students in accredited Kansas schools.
- Through the state procurement process, the Achievement and Assessment Institute at KU was awarded a 5-year contract.

Historical Perspective



- The scope of work in the 5-year contract 6/1/2020 – 9/30/2025 included
 - Delivery of the current test through 2024 on the KITE platform.
 - New assessments in 2025 in ELA, Math, and Science aligned to adopted Kansas Content Standards.
 - Refreshing the mini test item bank.

Historical Perspective



- Collaborative work began immediately on developing a blueprint for the assessments.
- At the same time, we continued to administer the current assessment (2015-2024).

Historical Perspective



- Next steps in the contract process included
 - continuing item development,
 - field testing items for the assessments,
 - and revising and refreshing all reports.

Historical Perspective



At the same time, we met two to three times per year with our Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to ensure the test development and reporting process met large scale assessment expectations of fairness, reliability and validity.

Today



After a few changes and road blocks, we are ready to administer refreshed and enhanced assessments for the 2025 school year.

Today



This presentation will provide a preview of

- new mini test format,
- revised interim assessment to be more instructionally relevant,
- enhanced summative assessments with updated reporting, and new science mini tests and interim assessments.

Today



Leading the presentation on behalf of the
Achievement and Assessment Institute

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KAP Balanced Assessment System

Kansas Assessment Program

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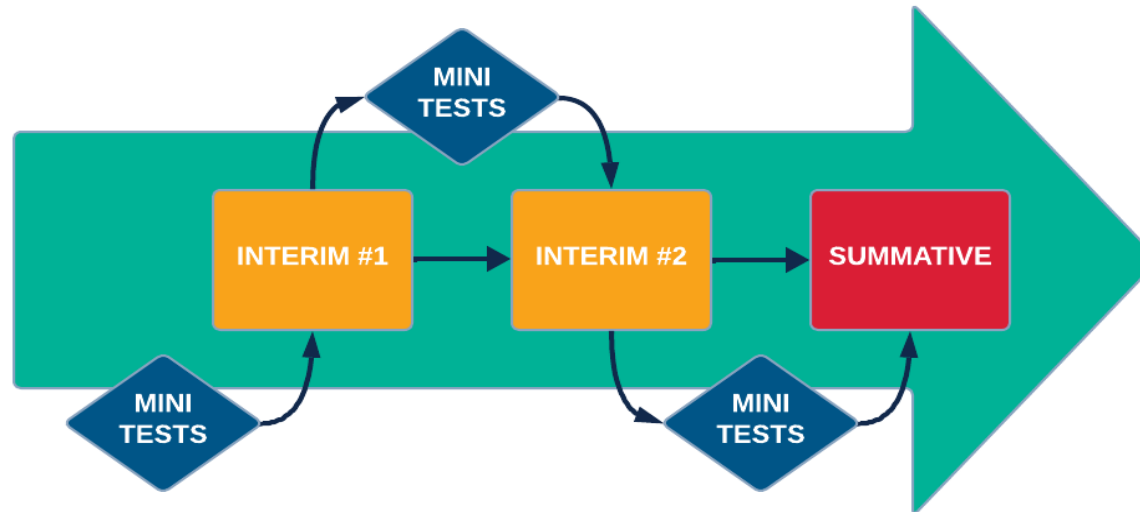
KAP Balanced Assessment System

KAP Balanced Assessment System offers Kansas students a **coherent** and **unified** assessment experience:

- ✓ One platform
- ✓ Consistent look and feel across assessments
- ✓ Reports that share their learning journey
- ✓ Data that empowers personalized instruction

KAP Balanced Assessment System

Includes instructional mini tests, interim, and summative assessments that are tightly aligned to Kansas learning standards



The Parts: Instructional Mini Tests

- Available all year for math, ELA and science
- Aligned to standards in topical groupings
- Enhanced with metadata such as Lexile, text complexity
- Can be used from any grade level
- Can be used multiple times

Educators construct their own assessments to measure what they are teaching when they are teaching it.

Instructional Mini Tests

Offer standard-level data that can be used as

- ✓ pre-checks
- ✓ post-checks
- ✓ progress checks
- ✓ class learning opportunities



Flexibility to wrap around instruction based on local scope and sequence



Can be reused as needed



Show learning paths over time

The Parts: Interim Assessments

- Aligned to Kansas learning standards
- Test forms with refreshed items
- Items reviewed by Kansas educators
- Timely reporting tools to help educators use information

The Parts: Summative Assessments

- Test forms with refreshed items
- Items reviewed by Kansas educators and field tested with Kansas students
- Range of accessibility features

KAP Balanced Assessment System: Focus on Student Learning



**EDUCATORS
CAN:**

- ✓ Assign classroom resources
- ✓ Inform instructional planning and pacing
- ✓ Collaborate with colleagues
- ✓ Individualize instruction
- ✓ Facilitate important student discussions
- ✓ Track progress toward important learning goals
- ✓ Foster a culture of continuous improvement

Wichita Use of KAP Balanced Assessment System

Visited Hyde Elementary and Brooks Middle School



Spoke with teachers, curriculum coach, data leader and administrator

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The Power of One Platform

The Kite platform unites classroom-level, interim, and summative assessment into a coherent and streamlined experience.



The Power of One Platform

Educators don't have to:

- ✓ juggle multiple passwords,
- ✓ roster students in another system,
- ✓ get trained on another interface,
- ✓ manage different accessibility accommodations,
or
- ✓ integrate data from different sources.

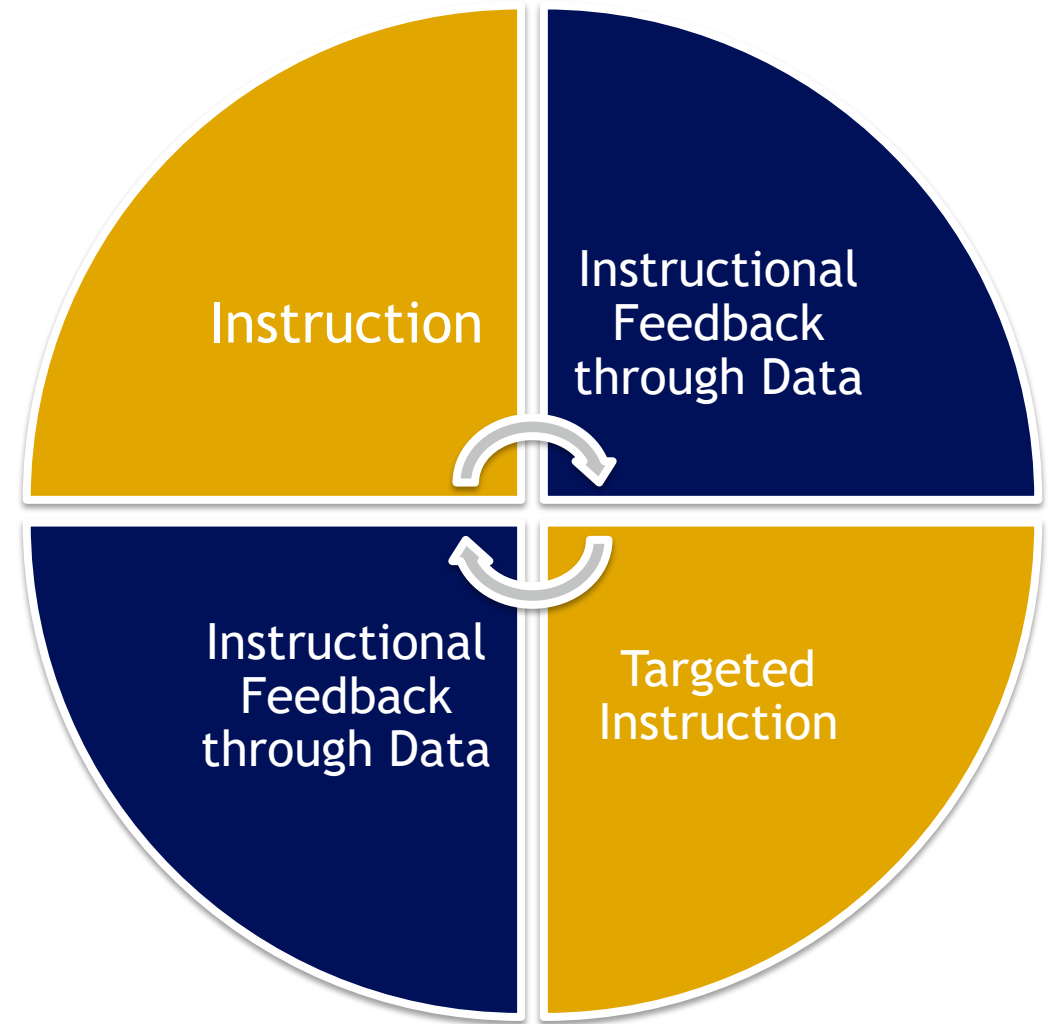
The Kite Reporting Suite

Provides data and information needed to gauge student progress, make informed instructional decisions, and have rich conversations with students, parents, and administrators.



Guiding Principles of the Kite Reporting Suite

- ✓ Student learning is at the center.
- ✓ Data is timely.
- ✓ Data is flexible.
- ✓ Data offers multiple levels of insights.
- ✓ Data aggregates student performance over time at the standard level.



Closer Look: Feedback Report

This new report, available for the Instructional Mini Tests, shows the

- item,
- item rationale, and
- percentage of selections for each answer choice.

The ability to drill down into each item is designed to facilitate student reflection and conversations about their learning.

Feedback Report

Question - 1

Question text goes here. What is the question?

- ☒ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C
- ☐ D

Response Options	% Answered	# Answered
A	80%	24
B	10%	3
C	0%	0
D	10%	3

Rationale:
This is where the rationale goes. The rationale explains why the correct answer is correct or why the incorrect answer is incorrect.

Closer Look: Interactive Educator Report Portal

The interactive educator report portal offers educators the capability to explore data using

- multiple filters,
- multiple views,
- sorting capabilities.

The reporting portal will be available for both interim and summative assessments

Closer Look: Standards- based Report

This new report view aggregates data from both the Instructional Mini Tests and the Interim Tests at the standard level.

Student performance on each standard is captured over time.

Data that Tracks Learning, Progress, and Achievement

With information on student performance at the

- ✓ Item
- ✓ Area/topic and
- ✓ Standard levels

KAP Balanced Assessment System provides the information needed for Kansas educators to make empowered decisions, have rich conversations, and engage students and guardians in the most important journey they will ever take: their learning journey.



KAP Balanced Assessment System: Enhanced for Teachers and Students

KAP Balanced Assessment System is the result of...

- ✓ listening to the needs of our users
- ✓ collaboration with KSDE and Kansas educators
- ✓ commitment to providing the best possible service and products
- ✓ intentional design focusing on our users
- ✓ a shared passion for supporting teaching and learning
- ✓ a partnership based on shared goals

Partnership to Review and Improve Student Performance Via Multiple Measures (PRISM)

Competitive Grants for State Assessments (CGSA)
grant awarded to KSDE following the U.S.
Department of Education's 2024 competition.


The CGSA program helps States enhance the quality of their assessment systems to better measure the academic achievement of elementary and secondary school students.

PRISM

The **PRISM** project will focus on expanding the current KAP Balanced Assessment System through:

- ✓ Integration of a connected visual system for displaying related content and available resources
- ✓ Additional assessment literacy material
- ✓ Generation of high-quality assessments
- ✓ Enhancement of the Kite® assessment systems displays and interactivity
- ✓ Development of quality professional development on making data-based decisions.

PRISM Visualization Tool



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Subject: *
Reading

Grade:
Grade 3

Apply

Legend

Related Skill

Indirect Connection

Adjacent Learning Opportunity

Instructional Resource

Mini Tests

Assessments

Map View

Help

Bundle: **Topical** Thematic

Include: Science Connections Mathematics Connections

Writing

Speaking and Listening



Reading: Foundational

Reading: Literature

Reading: Informational

Key Ideas and Detail	RI.3.1	RI.3.2	RI.3.3
Craft and Structure	RI.3.4	RI.3.5	RI.3.6
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RI.3.7	RI.3.8	RI.3.9
Language in Reading: Informational	RI.3.10	RI.3.11	RI.3.12
Range of Reading and Level of Text	RI.3.11		

RI.3.1



Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. (3-PS2-1),(3-PS2-3)

Enrichment Learning Opportunity

RI.3.1 Ask and answer who, what, where, when, why, and how

Reteach Learning Opportunity

RI.3.1 Refer to details and examples in a text

Science Connections

Forces and Interactions

3-PS2-1 Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence of the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object.

Mathematics Connections

MP.2 Reason Abstractly And Quantitatively.

3.MD.A.2 Measure and estimate liquid volumes and masses of objects using standard units of grams (g), kilograms (kg), and liters (l).

PRISM

A prism can refract white light into its constituent colors; the PRISM project seeks to refract classroom student performance into more individualized and actionable results, thereby advancing instructional opportunities and enhancing student learning.

Thank you

We're proud to be partnering to help Kansas lead the world in the success of each student.

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