

SAGE Testing 2018

As many of you are aware, Kane School District has been administering the summative SAGE assessments for Language Arts, Math, and Science curriculums. All students in 3rd-11th grade participate in the state mandated testing unless their legal guardian has opted them out. The historical timeline for legislative and state board of education mandates are as follows:

- 2009-2013 Districts participate in a computer adaptive testing pilot program.
- 2012 Legislative session HB 15 required the development of computer adaptive test.
- 2012 Utah State Board of Education directs the process for obtaining an assessment contract to test students online.
- 2013 Utah State Board of Education directs the development of the computer adaptive assessment SAGE. The end of year SAGE assessment is implemented by all districts in the spring of 2014.
- August 2015-2016 all students in the State of Utah are required to participated in an end of year SAGE assessment.
- May 2016 Governor Herbert proposed changing the SAGE assessment and requested for the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) to repeal SAGE testing in the secondary schools and develop a new curriculum standard. USBE began the process of rulemaking to remove SAGE testing for 9th-12th grade students and replace it with the ACT.
- August 2017 USBE announces the pre-ACT for 9th and 10th grade students conflicts with Utah Standards and votes to return to the status quo for SAGE testing of 9th and 10th grade students.
- August 2017, Kane School District chose to remove the SAGE requirement for 11th grade Language Arts, Math, and Science students and replace the state accountability requirements with the ACT.

If you would like to review the SAGE program or sample questions found on the SAGE assessment, parents can access them at <https://sageportal.org/training-tests.stml>

The SAGE assessments provides teachers and parents with a longitudinal timeline that shows the individual student's growth from 2014-2018, which identify specific student interventions that can be used to help students improve academically. If your students are going to be absent from school during the testing window (April-May) please contact your classroom teacher so the SAGE assessment can be completed. If you have questions regarding the SAGE assessment, you are welcome to contact your local building administrator or call me at 435-644-2555. I would be happy to visit with you.

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