



Connecticut Smarter Balanced Assessments for ELA and Mathematics

Understanding the Test Delivery System (TDS)

The Smarter Balanced assessments in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics are delivered online via the Test Delivery System (TDS). TDS will display the Student Interface when taking an online test. Visit the portal to take Practice and Training tests and familiarize yourself with the online system.

Please Sign In

First Name:

SSID:

Session ID: - -

Step 1. Signing In

1. Enter your first name.
2. Enter your SSID number.
3. Enter the Session ID number your teacher gave you.
4. Click [Sign In].

Your teacher can help you enter in the correct information.

Figure 1: Student Login Page

Is This You?

Please review the information below. If all of the information is correct, click [Yes]. If not, click [No].

SSID: 9999999987

First Name: Jane

Last Name: Smith

Enrolled Grade: 05

Date of Birth: 01/02/2003

School: Training School A

Step 2. Verifying Your Information

1. Check that all your information is correct.
2. If there is something incorrect, notify your teacher immediately.
3. If it is all correct, select [Yes].

Figure 2: Is This You? Page

Your Tests

Select a test.

<input type="button" value="Start Writing Grade 5 Interim"/> This is opportunity 1 of 2	<input type="button" value="Start Writing Grade 5 Summative"/> This is opportunity 1 of 1
<input type="button" value="Resume ELA Grade 5 Interim"/> This is opportunity 1 of 2	<input type="button" value="Start ELA Grade 5 Summative"/> This is opportunity 1 of 1
<input type="button" value="Start Math Grade 5 Interim"/> This is opportunity 1 of 2	<input type="button" value="Start Math Grade 5 Summative"/> This is opportunity 1 of 1

Step 3. Select Your Test

1. Select the test you wish to take or have been assigned to complete. Only tests you are eligible for will be selectable.

Figure 3: Your Tests Page

Is This Your Test?

Session ID: RED-2BBC-6

Math Grade 5 Interim

Color Choices: Black on White

Braille: Off

Print Size: 1X

Descriptive Audio: Off

Is the test listed above the test you want to take? If it is, click [Yes, Start My Test]. If not, click [No].

Step 4. Verify Your Test Information

1. Read your test information and select [Yes, Start My Test] if it's correct, or [No] if it's incorrect.

Figure 4: Is This Your Test? Page

Student Interface

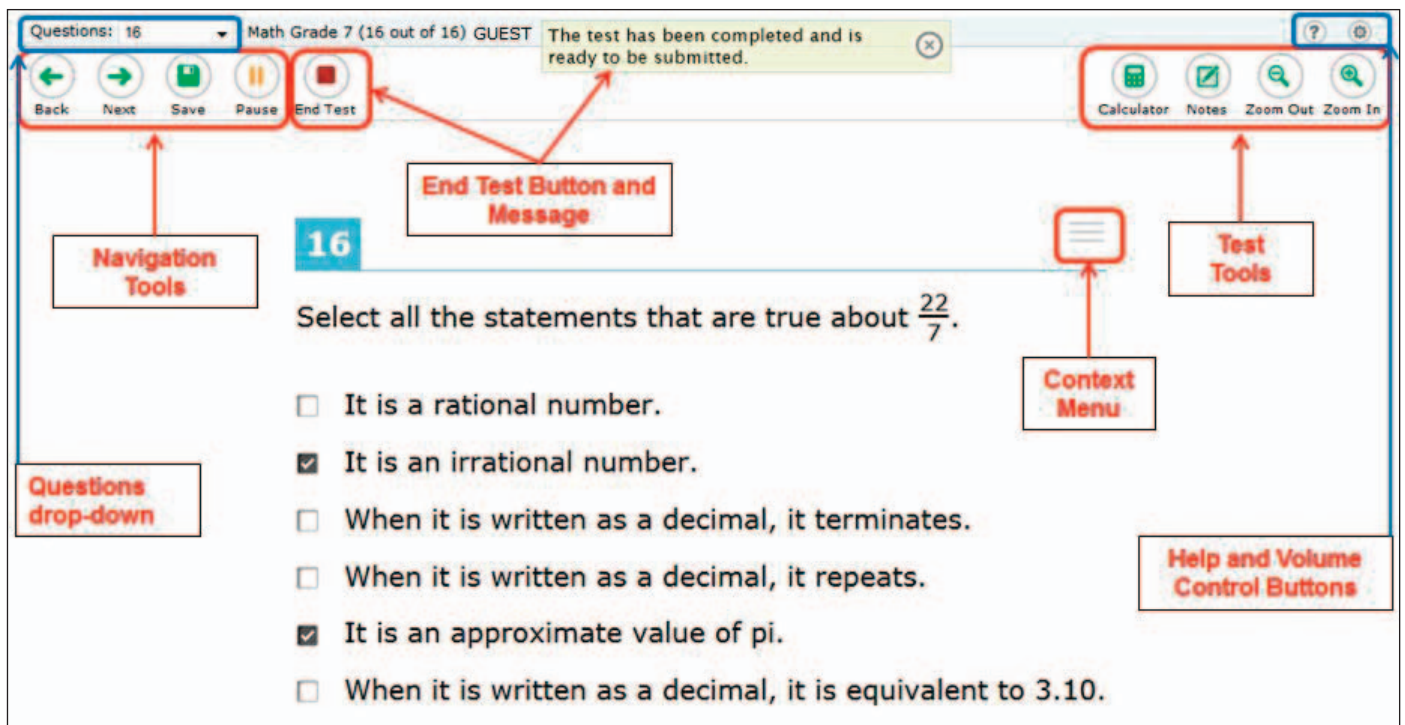


Figure 5: Sample Test Page

Below are descriptions of features you may see in the student interface, as displayed in the sample test page in Figure 5.

- **Questions drop-down:** This box displays the current question you are viewing in the test page in Figure 5, previous question to view from this drop-down list. You will not be able to advance to questions you have not yet answered.
- **Navigation Tools:** These buttons will appear at the top toolbar of every test. You may move back and forth between questions using the [Back] and [Next] buttons. You may also [Save] your test answers and [Pause] the test.
- When you have finished answering all the questions on the test a message will appear at the top of the page. At this point you may want to review your test questions again. When you are finished you may select the [End Test] button.
- The **Test Tools** available for your test will appear in the upper right hand corner of the test page. You may use the [Zoom Out] and [Zoom In] buttons to enlarge the text on the screen. The [Notes] button is for global notes, which you may refer back to for any question on the test. This is different than question specific notes you can access from the context Menu. If you are taking a mathematics test a calculator may be available or some questions. You will see the [Calculator] in the upper right hand corner. If you are taking an ELA test, a dictionary or thesaurus may be available for some questions. These will also be displayed in the upper right hand corner.
- The **Context Menu** will appear at the top right corner of each question. By clicking on the menu, you will have access to specific tools for that question. These may include: Strikethrough, Text-to-Speech, Tutorials, Notes, Mark for Review, ASL video, and Highlighter.