

# TEST ADMINISTRATION MANUAL for US Government & Citizenship



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# **OVERVIEW OF US GOVERNMENT & CITIZENSHIP TEST**

# INTRODUCTION

In order to fulfill the new graduation requirement (Utah Code 53A-13-109.5) for students graduating on or after January 1, 2016, a test has been created by Davis School District which consists of **50 questions aligned to DESK standards and the Civics Questions for the Naturalization Test** for the 12<sup>th</sup> grade US Government and Citizenship course.

This online test **replaces** the previous end-of-level test used for US Government and Citizenship.

Schools and teachers will allow for the test to be **administered as often as needed, up to once per day,** to students in US Government and Citizenship and AP US Government courses. If additional opportunities for testing are needed when the student is no longer enrolled in the course, the teacher should contact the Assessment Department at 801-402-5305.

At the conclusion of each test attempt, information about each student's responses will be provided for them in an effort to help them focus their learning.

Teachers will have access to the questions and can provide them to students. There is no secrecy about the questions or their answers. It is hoped, even expected, that all students will eventually pass. This is not likely at the beginning of the course but after instruction, and with a clear understanding of the information they need to know, any willing student should expect to pass (35/50 or better). The test is not timed.

**Results from the test may be used as a part of student grades.** If students improve their scores on subsequent attempts, the higher score should be used. Students will thus be encouraged to continue to improve their performance.

Teachers should be aware that this year's (2015-16) seniors will not likely be aware of this new law and should **include relevant information in their disclosure statements** to students and parents. The tone and spirit of the information shared should be **helpful**, **positive**, **and encouraging**.

Unexpected circumstances (e.g., fire drills, power failures) may interrupt testing. If the interruption occurs during any testing session, instruct students to log out of their my.DSD account. All answers are saved. When normal conditions are restored, resume testing. Interruptions should not reduce the total amount of time students are given to complete the session.

# **QUESTIONS**

For questions or problems concerning online testing, please contact Stacy Paskett (spaskett@dsdmail.net, 801-402-5491) or Suzanne Cottrell (sucottrell@dsdmail.net, 801-402-5173). For questions about the test itself, please contact Chris Hall, Social Studies Supervisor (chall@dsdmail.net, 801-402-5328).

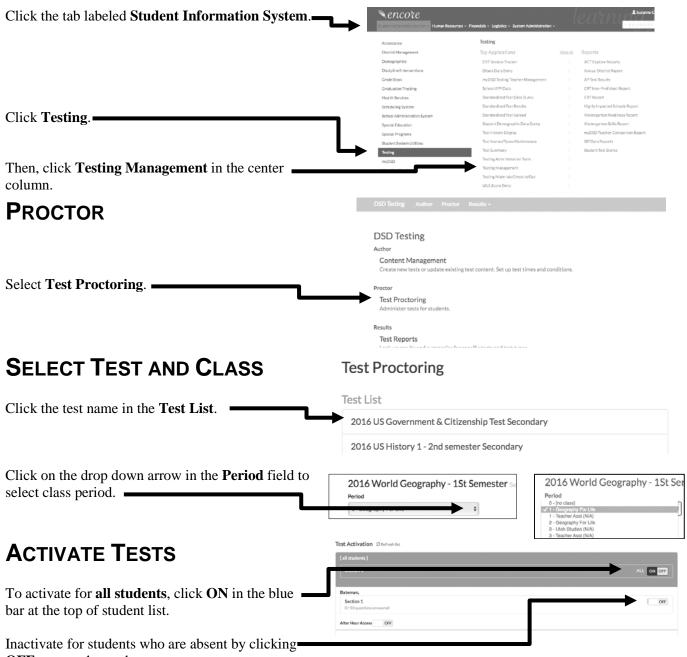
# **TEACHER CHECKLIST—PRIOR TO TESTING**

Become thoroughly familiar with the Test Administration Manual.	
Provide accommodations for students who qualify.	
0	Enter Grade Book and click on the Special Education and 504 buttons.
0	If a student shows an accommodation for a testing device, be sure the device is ready for use or test day.
Ensure that all student desks or tables are cleared of books or other materials not needed for the test.	
Activate the test in Encore using the instructions that follow:	



# LOGIN TO ENCORE

## http://dsdencore.davis.k12.ut.us



**OFF** next to the student name.

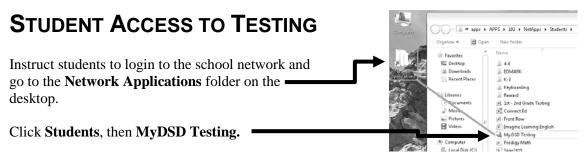
# STUDENT USERCODE AND PIN

To print a list of student login information, follow this path:

- Student Information System
- Student System Utilities
- Student PIN Listing
- Choose current term
- Click Print

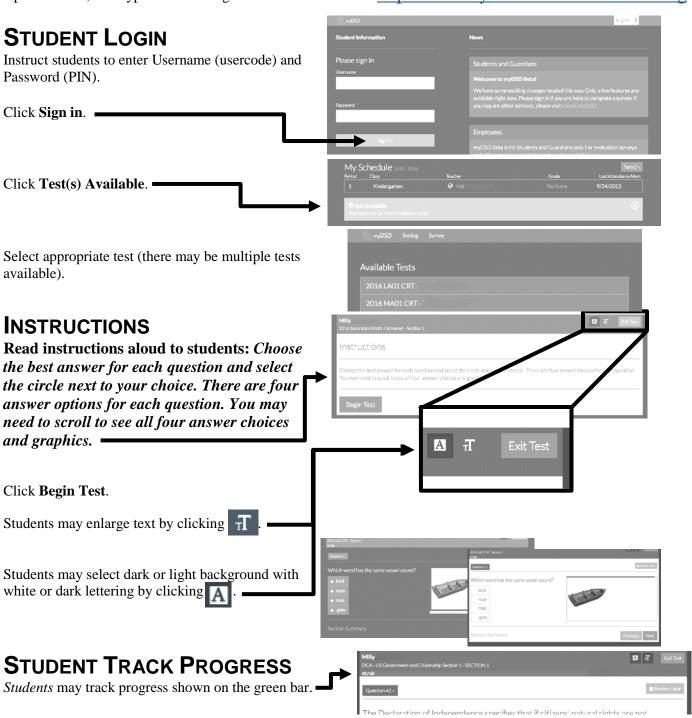
Remember this list is confidential student information and students should not see any other student's usercodes or PINs. Keep the list secure during testing AND shred it when testing is completed.





# **MOBILE DEVICE USERS**

Open browser, then type the following URL in the address bar: https://beta.mydsd.davis.k12.ut.us/testing



# SECTION SUMMARY

Questions Marked For Review and Questions Unanswered allow student to return to those questions prior to completing the section of the test.

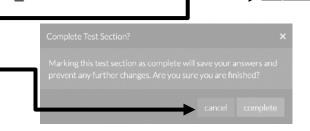


Section Summary

# IMPORTANT! STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE SECTION OR TEST

When students have answered all questions, they should click on the green **Complete Section** button.

Students *must* confirm completion or the teacher will not see scores. Click **complete** to end testing, or **cancel** to return to the test to make changes to their answers.



# **DURING TESTING**

- ☐ Place a "TESTING, DO NOT DISTURB" sign on the door to the classroom and work to minimize interruptions and distractions.
- ☐ Administer the test.
- ☐ Encourage students to have a book to read (or another quiet, non-electronic activity) in case they finish the test before the rest of the class.
- ☐ If it is observed that a student inadvertently skips questions, encourage him/her to go back and answer those questions.
- ☐ Keep communication between you and the students to a minimum.
- ☐ If students want to return to a question, they may click the "Previous" question button.
- ☐ Let students know that it is okay if they do not know a specific answer, and encourage them to choose the best answer.
- ☐ Maintain and oversee the security of all test materials.
- ☐ Arrange make-up sessions for students who are absent.

# **TRACK PROGRESS**

Teachers may track completion status on the **Test Activation** screen by clicking on **Refresh list**.



# INACTIVATE TESTS AFTER TESTING

When testing is completed, **inactivate all students** by clicking **OFF** in the blue bar at the top of student list.



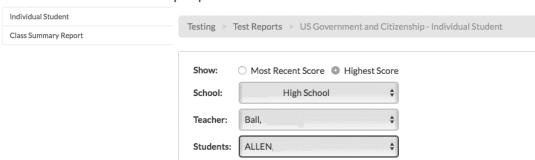




# Select **Report** type.



### **US Government and Citizenship Reports**



Run Report

# INDIVIDUAL STUDENT

The **Individual Student** report provides detailed information about every test question.

Filter report by selecting **Highest Score**, then by **Students**.

# **CLASS SUMMARY REPORT**

The **Class Summary Report** provides detailed information by class period for individual students and overall class percent correct by question.

Filter report by selecting **Highest Score**, then by **Period**. Click **Run Report**.

Individual student •

Class percent correct by question •

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