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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members, Utah State Board of Education

**FROM:** Jo Ellen Shaeffer, Director Assessment and Accountability

**DATE:** August 11-12, 2016

**INFORMATION:** 2016-2017 SAGE Released Items and Optional Assessment Opportunities

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**Background:** Enhanced assessment opportunities will be provided this fall to Utah students through:

- Optional benchmark modules from the SAGE interim bank targeted to specific standards.
- Optional testlets built from the SAGE formative bank to monitor progress through instruction.
- Optional, publicly available, SAGE practice tests/released items from Utah's shared bank to increase transparency into the SAGE summative format and content.

These 2016-2017 opportunities are available along with the currently available SAGE summative, interim and formative assessments and training tests.

**Board Strategic Plan:** This item supports the following imperative(s) and strategies in the Board's Strategic Plan:

- Imperatives: Quality Learning
- Strategies: Accountability, Leadership Development

**Anticipated Action:** There is no formal action required.

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# UTAH'S CONTINUUM of ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES 2016-2017

	Purpose	Predictive of Summative	Item Bank/Pool	Format	Accommodations Available	Access & Opportunities	Reporting	Testing Time	When Available
<b>SAGE Summative</b>	To measure mastery of Utah Core Standards within grade/course.		SAGE Summative Bank	Adaptive CAT	Braille American Sign Language Text-to-Speech	Student & Course Specific 1 Opportunity	ORS	Approx. 90-120 minutes	Currently Available; see assessment schedule
<b>Full Reporting Interims</b>	To help predict performance on Summative Assessments. Shorter test than Summative and provides information on reporting categories at the student level.	Yes	SAGE Interim Bank	Adaptive CAT	Braille American Sign Language Text-to-Speech	Student & Course Specific 2 Opportunities	ORS Reporting similar to Summative	Approx. 90 minutes	Currently Available; see assessment schedule
<b>Class Period Interim</b>	To help predict performance on Summative Assessments. Shorter than Full Reporting Interim as it can be completed in one class period.	Yes	SAGE Interim Bank	Adaptive CAT	Braille American Sign Language Text-to-Speech	Student & Course Specific 2 Opportunities	ORS Reporting Category information only at Aggregate Level	Approx. 45 minutes	Currently Available; see assessment schedule
<b>Benchmark Modules</b>	To help guide instruction. Pre- or post-unit modular tests that focus on content within specific reporting categories	No	SAGE Interim Bank	Fixed Form	Braille American Sign Language Text-to-Speech	Student & Course Specific Unlimited Opportunities	AIR360** Raw Scores & Item Analysis. Can view student Responses.	Approx. 15-30 minutes	TBD/Fall 2016
<b>Utah Standard Testlets</b>	To help guide instruction. A tool for teachers to identify learning gaps (student/class) as they progress through the school year.	No	SAGE Formative Bank	Fixed Form	Text-to-Speech	Student & Course Specific Unlimited Opportunities	AIR360** Raw Scores & Item Analysis. Can view student Responses.	Approx. 15-30 minutes	September 19, 2016
<b>SAGE Practice Tests/Released Items</b>	To help students practice both content and item type. Practice tests about half the length of the summative tests.	No	UT Field tested ICCR* Items and new and current items developed with USBE	Fixed Form	Braille American Sign Language Generic Text-to-Speech	Open Public Access Unlimited Opportunities	Finished Test Screen: Reports performance by item to test taker.	Approx. 45 minutes	September 19, 2016
<b>Utah SAGE Training Tests</b>	To help student practice item types. Students will encounter all item types on the SAGE Summative tests. Item type and functionality practice.	No	Utah items developed with USBE	Fixed Form	Braille for lowest grade-band per subject only	Access in the SAGE Portal @ <a href="http://www.SAGEPortal.org">www.SAGEPortal.org</a>		Approx. 15 minutes	Currently Available

\* ICCR = Independent College & Career Readiness Bank (AIR's available shared bank; items shared with Arizona, Florida, Tennessee, Ohio, Delaware, Hawaii)

\*\* AIR360 is the Benchmark Reporting System which will be available to Utah Educators in the Fall of 2016

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