



Performance Series® Express

Short-form, computer-adaptive diagnostic assessment

Performance Series *Express* provides a shorter, 25-question version of Scantron's popular Performance Series computer-adaptive diagnostic assessment. Scantron's Performance Series *Express* assessment delivers subject-level diagnostic results suitable for multiple measures that you can use to reduce testing time and avoid test overload.

Two Tests—One Platform

Scantron knows that testing time and resources are limited. You need an express form backed by the same capabilities as a full-form assessment, but with fewer questions for faster results.

Performance Series *Express* is your solution.

For more than a decade, Scantron has been rigorously developing and frequently refreshing the Performance Series item pools. Using these same item pools, Performance Series *Express* provides flexibility with an eye on the clock.

- View *Express* results using the same reports available for the standard test.
- Assess the same core subjects.
- Use either test form for:
 - › Individualized assessment for instructional direction
 - › Program placement
 - › Growth measurement
 - › Predictive measurement (requires a Scantron research study)

Because *Express* is shorter, you can administer it more frequently to address diagnostic screening and monitoring needs.

Comparing Standard and Express Form Tests		
	Standard	Express
Computer-adaptive test	X	X
Individualized assessment for informing instruction	X	X
Item selection	Guided by student response pattern	
Item pool usage	Shared	
Number of questions	52-68	25
Testing time	Average 45-60 minutes	Average 15-30 minutes
Standard error of measure (SEM) ¹	Average 0.30 logits (approx .91 alpha coefficient)	Average 0.42 logits (approx .80 alpha coefficient)
Reporting (all: student, class, district)	Shared	
Subjects		
Reading	X	X
Reading Foundations	X	X
Language Arts	X	X
Mathematics	X	X
Matemáticas en Español	X	X
Algebra	X	X
Geometry	X	X
Comprehensive Science	X	X

¹ Performance Series (standard) is a longer test with more precision. Performance Series *Express* is a shorter test with less precision, but with more administrative ease of use. Be sure to discuss your needs carefully with your Scantron Representative or Client Program Manager before deciding.



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Alabama State Department of Education

Q: Can my school district transition from Performance Series Standard (PSS) to Performance Series Express (PSE)?

A: Yes. Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, school districts in Alabama will be able to choose which format of Performance Series they would like to utilize. Before deciding, please be sure to review all of the differences between the two assessments located on the front of this document.

Q: Is there a cost associated with using Performance Series Express?

A: The cost of PSE is included in the current contract with the Alabama State Department of Education; thus, there is no additional cost to individual schools or districts.

Q: How will the enrollment from my student information system be imported into Performance Series Express?

A: The same method used to import student information into PSS will be used for PSE. Simply put, automatic enrollment for PSE will mirror that of PSS.

Q: Will I use the same Site ID for PSE that I currently use for PSS?

A: No, you will have a separate Site ID for PSE. However, the Student ID, default Teacher User Name, and default Teacher Password will remain the same for both sites.

Q: If my school has used Performance Series for multiple years, can my students' data be transferred into PSE?

A: No, because the methods for calculating the results of PSE and PSS are specific to each assessment, the data from the two sites should not be compared, merged, or transferred. Growth calculations are also not interchangeable between PSS and PSE assessments.

Q: Are the scores in PSE as reliable as the scores in PSS?

A: PS Express is a reliable measure of student performance. The major difference between PSE and PSS is the number of items used in both assessments. Due to the different number of items used, the resulting Standard Error of Measure (SEM) also differs. In PSS, the average SEM observed is approximately 60 points while the average observed SEM for PSE is approximately 84 points.

All other psychometric properties related to the test items remain the same, since the same items are used in both exams. Essentially, PSE is a shortened version of PSS. It is backed by the same capabilities as a full-form assessment.

Q: Can my school/district use PSS and PSE at the same time?

A: The simple answer is YES. However, each student should only be tested in one site or the other, not both. Schools and districts may choose to utilize PSE for certain grades or for special populations, and still utilize PSS for other grades or populations. The key to remember is that data is non-transferrable between the two sites and should not be compared.

Q: Will all of the reports in PSS be available in PSE?

A: Yes, you will have access to the same reports.

Q: If I am interested in using PSE in my school district, who do I contact for implementation?

A: You can email alabama@scantron.com. We ask that you copy your district's Location Controller on the email when communicating with Scantron team members regarding PSE.



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