NDDPI: Edmentum Exact Path Frequently Asked Questions for Schools & Districts

First Steps to Take Advantage of Your Free Exact Path Access:

- Indicate your district's interest in Exact Path through submitting your information through the following online form: https://info.edmentum.com/ND-Exact-Path.html.
  Note: At this time, Edmentum is only processing requests and providing credentials for districts when the request is made by a Superintendent or Principal.
- A member of the Edmentum team will reach out to school/district leadership within one business day via phone and/or email to understand your implementation and district requirements.
- After this information has been sent, the Edmentum team will provide an order form for school/district leadership signature within three business days.
- The school/district leader will receive login credentials and tools within 48 hours of the order form being signed. Then you can begin using Exact Path!

Contact Information

1. **Who can I contact if I have more questions?**
   If you have additional questions, please send them to our dedicated North Dakota representatives at nddpixp@edmentum.com.

2. **How can Customer Support be reached?**
   Our award-winning support team can be reached by phone at 800.447.5286 or via email at support@edmentum.com Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM Central time.

Onboarding, Training, and Consulting

1. **How soon can I begin getting started using Exact Path? What are my first steps?**
   Once the district completes the onboarding process and students are rostered, Exact Path can be used to support your educators while they are planning for the return to school no matter what it might look like - brick and mortar, virtually, or in a blended environment. Edmentum can partner with districts to build a program to best identify student needs due to the varying educational settings each student has experienced throughout the extended leave.

2. **How will training be provided to teachers? How much time is needed for training?**
   Professional development and onboarding for teachers is included in the State of North Dakota's contract with Exact Path. Once an agreement is signed with Edmentum for Exact Path, the intuitive training process for teachers will begin at no cost to districts. The professional learning will include live and OnDemand webinars focused on the content below:
   - **[North Dakota Getting Started Resources Page](https://get.edmentum.com/exact-path-getting-started-nd/)** (url: https://get.edmentum.com/exact-path-getting-started-nd/) for step-by-step directions, videos, resources, and user guides to support onboarding.
   - **OnDemand Webinars ([linked on the Getting Started page](#))**

General Implementation

1. **What subjects and grade levels does Exact Path offer?**
   Exact Path is currently available for all K-12 students in reading, language arts, and math.

2. **How much time should students spend working in Exact Path?**
   Research indicates that students demonstrate success if they spend at least 20–30 minutes in the program per subject, per week. Consider individual student needs to determine if students would benefit from additional time in the program.

3. **What devices can Exact Path be used on?**
   Exact Path offers 100% mobile-optimized content and therefore can be used on any Internet-enabled device. This includes mobile devices, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers that meet the appropriate [system and technical requirements](#). Additionally, our Customer Support team is available to assist with individual account needs.

4. **Would Exact Path be suitable for placing students of all abilities and school experiences?**
   Yes. For students working below, at, or above grade level, Exact Path first works to understand a student's specific learning needs and then creates a pathway based on each learners' individual strengths and needs.

5. **Since it is web based, will the students be able to take the diagnostic and complete work at home (in the event of distance learning)?**
   Yes. Exact Path is accessible to students wherever learning occurs. For the diagnostic specifically, districts have the ability to adjust what times and days the assessment is made available.

6. **How can Exact Path help facilitate a smooth transition between face-to-face instruction and distance learning when or if shutdowns occur?**
   By default, Exact Path is designed to meet students where they are and provide skills in tune with specific learner needs. Those modules for each skill also include all of the elements of a full lesson cycle—instruction, practice, and assessment—such that you can feel confident that students continue to receive appropriate instructional approaches that facilitate mastery learning whether they are in the classroom or learning virtually.

Additionally, each step of the way, educators are provided with real-time notifications regarding student progress such that understanding how students are spending their time, when they're struggling and need attention, or when they succeed and deserve celebration. Combined, these elements support successful asynchronous learning for all students.

When synchronous virtual instruction is possible, Exact Path lessons, videos, and worksheets can all be shared for collective learning. Additionally, the grouping tool can be used behind the scenes to help determine where targeted instruction is needed, and then help recommend how classrooms might set up those virtual learning groups to facilitate that shared learning experience.

Account Management

1. **Can multiple teachers manage a student account simultaneously? For example, a General Ed teacher and a Special Education resource teacher?**
   Yes, multiple teachers may be given access to the same student via a flexible class structure. For example, classroom teachers can set up traditional classes and Special Education teachers can set up a class with their caseload of students across the grade levels. This will give them the data access they need to be able to monitor student progress within the system as well as provide necessary information for documentation purposes.

2. **Can a student be logged in on more than one device at a time?**
   Yes, if they are using different internet browsers.

3. **Can teachers direct message students within the program?**
   Yes. Teachers can send messages to students and they can message their teacher back directly from within Exact Path.

Integrations & Technical Requirements

1. **Does Exact Path integrate with other platforms for single sign-on?**
   Yes, single sign-on is currently available through Clever, ClassLink, Microsoft, and Google.

2. **What network requirement and device configurations are required for using Exact Path?**
   Refer to the Exact Path system and technical requirements documentation:
   https://www.edmentum.com/resources/brochures/edmentum-system-requirements

Research

1. **Is any third-party research on the effectiveness of Exact Path available to review?**
   Yes. Edmentum partnered with third-party research organization, Century Analytics, to conduct rigorous evaluations of each Exact Path subject and its use with students to impact student achievement. Results confirmed that use of Exact Path lessons has a positive, statistically-significant effect on growth.

Access each study here: [Reading](#), [Language Arts](#), [Math](#)
ESSA Level of Research: Moderate Evidence (Quasi-Experimental)
What Works Clearing House Standard: Meets WWC Group Design Standards with Reservations

Adaptive Diagnostic Capabilities

1. **We already use NWEA MAP Growth; will we have to test our students even more?**
   No! Exact Path offers a NWEA MAP Growth assessment integration, such that scores from this assessment auto-generate learning paths in Exact Path—no additional testing is required. Details for this integration are found here: https://www.edmentum.com/resources/videos/exact-path-define-academic-year-select-standards-and-integrate-nwea-data

2. **We already use Renaissance Star; will we have to test our students even more?**
   No! Exact Path offers a Renaissance Star assessment integration, such that scores from this assessment auto-generate learning paths in Exact Path—no additional testing required. Details for this integration are found here: https://www.edmentum.com/resources/videos/exact-path-define-academic-year-select-standards-and-integrate-renaissance-data

3. **How long does it take to complete each Exact Path diagnostic assessment?**
   For Kindergarten and 1st grade students, the assessment takes approximately 15-25 minutes to complete. Assessments are about 30 questions in length for this grade span.
   For 2nd grade through 12th grade students, the assessment takes approximately 30-60 minutes to complete. Assessments are about 45-50 questions in length for this grade span.

4. **Does the Exact Path diagnostic assessment adjust in real time to give students harder or easier questions based on their results?**
   Yes. The Exact Path diagnostic is a computer-adaptive assessment. That means that with each question a student answers, the test is learning more about them—what they know and what they don't know. If students answer questions correctly, they will receive more difficult questions. If students answer questions incorrectly, they will receive easier questions. This process continues until the test zeroes in on a student's proximal zone of development and can therefore prescribe an appropriate learning path in tune with their learning needs. Watch this short video to learn more about the [difference between an adaptive vs. a fixed-form assessment approach](#).

5. **Are there specific testing windows or suggested timelines for assessing students?**
   Exact Path allows educators to set up to four testing windows within a given academic year. Account administrators can set the date ranges for each assessment window and determine the precise days and times that an assessment is available for the student to complete. Our recommendation is testing events occur approximately 12 weeks apart from one another as to calculate valid growth measures for each student.

6. **In addition to diagnostic assessments, is there something within Exact Path that could provide additional assessment data?**
After students complete every batch of four skills, a dynamically-built formative assessment called a Progress Check is automatically administered to gauge how students are retaining that information and if they need remediation or are ready to accelerate. Details from these 20-question assessments are a terrific temperature check on skill mastery in between larger interim assessments used 2-4 times a year.

7. **How are new students able to complete their diagnostic assessments, especially if they enter the school mid-year?**
If a testing window is open, students can complete their diagnostic assessment within the window. In the case a testing window is closed or the district does not wish to initially assess the student (but would prefer to create a learning path for them right away), districts have the ability to auto-generate an on-grade level learning path for the student manually student-by-student or account-wide in the Administrator Settings.

8. **Can the diagnostic be administered in a non-web-based fashion?**
No. The Exact Path diagnostic assessment is a computer-adaptive assessment, and therefore adjusts in real time as students answer questions correctly and incorrectly. For this reason, it is only available through the digital platform.

Learning Paths and Curriculum

1. **Is content aligned to Common Core or North Dakota standards?**
All K-12 content is aligned to North Dakota Academic standards. Specific skills covered are also noted here: [Reading Progression](#) and [Math Progression](#).

2. **Is it possible to modify learning paths manually?**
Yes. Following the completion of the diagnostic or import of assessment scores from one of our integration partners, educators can override placement by choosing to edit the learning path. Edits can be made by domain.

3. **Does the student have any indication of what grade level the content they are receiving is on—whether in their learning path or via direct assignments?**
No. Students are made aware of the objective for each lesson and will receive material that is age-appropriate in content style, but the actual grade level will not be labeled for the student to directly view.

4. **Do learners of varying abilities receive developmentally appropriate content?**
Depending on diagnostic placement, students may receive skills that are below grade level, at, or above grade level. It is paramount that no matter where their skill gaps lie, they receive content that has an appropriate look and feel. For this reason, Edmentum provides two content styles for many of our learning paths skills—one that is more animated and appropriate for K-5 students and another that uses a more mature learning approach to suit the needs of 6-12 learners.

5. **Does progress save automatically if students exit?**
   Progress on the assessment and learning path content is saved automatically. Even if students do not properly exit the content, but instead close their browser or abruptly turn off their device, progress is still saved.

6. **Can students access answers while they are working in the program?**
   Students are able to access correct and incorrect answers in the practice modules within each lesson. Correct and incorrect answers to Mastery Quizzes and Progress Checks are only available to the teacher.

7. **Are teachers able to post their own videos, or attach their own assignments through this platform?**
   No. Our rich volume of content is expertly designed to meet high-quality standards and skills alignment. We offer assignable lessons and videos as well as printable worksheets and lesson ideas to enhance instruction in the 'Content Search' area.

Reporting and Progress Monitoring

1. **How does Exact Path provide usage data?**
   For students completing the Exact Path diagnostic, each Student Summary Report includes details on the assessment experience including total time, total sessions, and time per item allowing educators to dig into the validity of the testing experience. The [Learning Path Progress Report](#) is the primary location for accessing how students spend their time in the learning path. This includes details such as time on task, total time, and number of skills assessed and mastered.

2. **How does Exact Path support tracking of progress toward IEP goals?**
   Exact Path supports the attainment of IEP (Individualized Education Programs) goals related to academic progress by tracking progress over time and conducting regular curriculum-based measures through the program's Progress Check feature. Exact Path supports struggling learners by providing building block content based on failure to master concepts. After mastering building block content, learners are provided with alternate instruction for the original skill so they have the opportunity to experience another approach to instructing the skill. Exact Path is compliant with most WCAG 2.1 Level A and AA accessibility features, as outlined in the Exact Path VPAT.

3. **How are students able to track their progress?**
   Students earn trophies when they master content in Exact Path. Students can review these trophies in the Rewards area. Additionally, teachers can enable access to student summary reports. These reports include assessment data, growth from diagnostic to diagnostic, and specific learning path details for all skills.

Accessibility, Modifications, and Accommodations

1. **How does Exact Path account for the need for specific modifications or accommodations?**
   Exact Path offers flexible settings to account for different learner needs. If students require modifications or accommodations based on IEPs or Section 504 plans, details around what is available can be found in this [accommodations and modifications document](#).

2. **What read aloud options are available?**
   All text across all grade-levels can be read aloud in English. In the 6-12 skills in the program, learners can use a translator in a variety of languages. This provides the students with the heaviest text load to access text in their native language.

3. **Can Exact Path support English language learners?**
   Yes, the Exact Path program is proven effective with English language learners. Exact Path has also been approved through the WIDA PRIME V2 Correlation process following a rigorous, independent review. Find additional details about how the program supports the unique needs of this student population in this [brochure](https://www.edmentum.com/resources/brochures/drive-academic-growth-english-language-learners) (https://www.edmentum.com/resources/brochures/drive-academic-growth-english-language-learners).

   This [short video](https://youtu.be/fTAv7n99qrA) (https://youtu.be/fTAv7n99qrA) also walks through specific settings and tools that can be adjusted to support English language learners.