Diagnostic Administration Guide for Families

Using Exact Path Powered by EdOptions Academy
This guide provides EdOptions Academy parents and/or guardians with helpful information regarding how to administer the Exact Path diagnostic assessment. Parents or guardians who are fulfilling the roll of test administrator should read and review the contents of this manual prior to testing to ensure the highest levels of test fidelity. More information regarding the Exact Path diagnostic assessment can be found on the Exact Path Getting Started page.

Preparing for the Day of Testing

Here are a few helpful hints that will make the testing environment conducive for an optimal testing experience.

Materials Needed

- Provide note paper and sharpened pencils for taking notes as needed.
- Some children will have “read aloud” enabled, consider providing headphones.
- Provide your child with familiar technology.
- Calculators are not permitted on this assessment. For Grade 3 and up, an on-screen calculator will be provided for select skills. This function is found from the toolbar. See below:

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Technology Recommendations

The assessment can be taken on any Internet-enabled device of your choosing. Our recommendation is to utilize a device that your child is already familiar with and that offers a suitable screen size and user experience for testing.

Enable “full-screen” mode on your browser to ensure that no scrolling is required. Browsers with customizations (bookmark tabs, extensions, etc.) and low-resolution screen settings result in a smaller available space, which could result in learners needing to scroll to see the SUBMIT button during testing.
Readying Your Child for This Assessment

Set up your child's testing experience for success by following these recommendations:

- Find a quiet space to test and comfortable clothes to wear
- Plug in the device for optimal charging and brightness
- Use the restroom before testing begins
- Get a drink of water
- Explain to your child that they are not expected to know everything on the test. The purpose of the Exact Path diagnostic is to determine what your child knows and does not know. This means that students may receive some questions they are able to answer and some questions that cover unfamiliar content, as the test adapts in real time to pinpoint individual ability levels. In fact, the Exact Path adaptive diagnostic algorithm works to administer questions so that students answer about 50 percent of the questions correctly, by giving harder or easier questions based on previous responses. Encourage students to try their best but tell them it is OK to guess if they don't know the answer. This can feel difficult or challenging for a child as it progresses through the assessment. Keep in mind that your child is only expected to answer about 50 percent of the questions correctly.
- Allow sufficient time for testing so that your child does not feel rushed. Allocate enough time so that students can complete the testing in one or two sessions as close together as possible.
- It is important that your child does his/her own work in order to receive the most appropriate individualized learning path that is representative of what he/she is ready to learn. Therefore, refrain from providing help on content.

Step-by-Step Instructions on Accessing Exact Path for K–5

Step 1

Go to: https://edmentum.maestrosis.com/ and use the login credentials that were sent to you via email.
Step 2
Scroll down the page until you find **Exact Path – Math** or **Exact Path – Reading**. Then click on the **launch course** button.

![Launch Course Button](image1.png)

Step 3
Once logged in, the system will open to the learner dashboard. Based on your child's grade level, the appropriate interface will appear. You can access student-friendly **welcome videos and learner guides** for each grade span and user interface to help students learn their way around Exact Path.

**Grade K–2 Interface**
Students will click on the green “Start” icon under “My Diagnostics.”

![Grade K–2 Interface](image2.png)

**Grade 3–5 Interface**
Students will click on the green “Start” icon under “My Diagnostics.”

![Grade 3–5 Interface](image3.png)

**Grade 6–12 Interface**
Students will click on “Begin” under the subject “Diagnostic.”

![Grade 6–12 Interface](image4.png)

**Click** on the associated “Start” button to launch your child’s diagnostic assessment.
During the Test

Getting to Know Reader Tools Available to the Student

The assessment interface offers several tools to support students in the online testing environment. The student can click on “Reader Tools“ at the top of the screen to open up the different options.

Enlarge or decrease the text size.

Turn on “Text to Speech,” and choose Ava or Tom. “Play,” “Pause,” and “Stop” are options as the student moves through the diagnostic.

Highlight text in different colors.

To close the “Reader Tools,” click on “Close.”

Giving Directions for Testing

As a parent, please prepare your child by reading aloud the material printed in bold type. You may repeat the directions as needed. Text in italic is information meant to assist you and should not be read aloud.

Today, you will take a test called the Exact Path diagnostic. This test is designed to measure exactly what you know. Some of the questions will be easier, while others will be more challenging. The purpose of the Exact Path diagnostic is to determine both what you know and do not. Everyone will miss some of the questions. Do the best you can so that your learning path that will be created is a good representation of what you’re ready to learn next.

Be sure to look at all the questions and answer choices. If you are not sure of an answer, go ahead and choose what you think is the best answer. Remember that the test will be learning more about you with every answer you give. Guessing too much only makes it harder for the test to learn what you know and don’t know, and it will likely make your testing experience even longer.

FOR EXACT PATH MATH TESTS ONLY: You will answer the questions on a computer or a tablet, but you can work out the problems on notebook paper.
Remember that once you have selected your answer, you will need to select “Submit” to move on to the next question. You can change your answer choice before you select “Submit” but not after. Once you move on to the next question, you cannot go back.

Pause for questions

If you have any questions about this test, please ask them now. Once the test starts, I will not be able to help you with any questions or tell you if you have picked the right answer. It is important that you do all the work on your own so that the assessment will pinpoint exactly what you know. Any questions?

Pause for questions

You may begin. Click “Start” or “Begin” on your screen.

Continue to monitor you child throughout the testing experience and again, it is important that no one helps the student answer questions.

Pausing or Stopping a Test

The diagnostic assessment is not a timed test, however, one subject typically takes students in grades K–1 about 15 to 25 minutes to complete and, for grades 2 and up, about 30 to 60 minutes. Your child may need a little longer. Plan on allocating enough time so that he/she can complete the test in one or two sittings. If you split the test into two sessions, keep those sessions as close together as possible, and finish testing in no more than three consecutive days.

If your child needs a break while taking a test, he or she can stop a test by selecting “Save and Exit” in the upper-right corner of the screen.

A prompt will open to confirm the student’s selection.

Click “OK.” Any work that has completed will be saved. The next time your child logs in, the test will resume right where they left off with the last item presented that was not answered. Given the adaptive nature of the test, students will not be able to go back and view previous questions.
Exiting Test and Accessing the Learning Path

Once your child has completed the test, he or she will click “Save and Exit.” The diagnostic assessment listed on the student dashboard will then be replaced by a subject learning path.

This learning path is automatically created and assigned as soon as a student completes his or her assessment, allowing targeted learning to begin immediately.

- **Click the Learning Path**
- Start with the **Lesson**, move to the **Practice**, and then the **Mastery Quiz**.
- If the student does not earn 80% on the **Mastery Quiz**, it will lock. Simply instruct the student to review the lesson and practice to **automatically unlock** the **Mastery Quiz**.

### Grade K–2 Interface

![Grade K–2 Interface Image]

### Grade 3–5 Interface

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### Grade 6–12 Interface