

OSDE: Edmentum Exact Path Frequently Asked Questions

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First Steps to Take Advantage of Your Free Exact Path Access

- Submit your information through the following online form: https://info.edmentum.com/Oklahoma.html.
 - Please ensure that anyone who requests access can serve as an account admin and can speak on behalf of the district.
- A member of the Edmentum team will reach out to you 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 signature within three business days.
- You will receive your login credentials and getting started tools after receipt of your signed order form to begin using Exact Path!

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 are most successful if they spend 20-30 minutes in the program per subject, per week.
- 3. What devices can Exact Path be used on?

Exact Path offers 100% mobile optimized content and therefore can be used on any Internetenabled device. This includes mobile devices, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers. System and technical requirements can be found here. 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, on, 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 virtual learning)?

Yes. Exact Path is accessible to students wherever learning occurs. For the diagnostic specifically, you do 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 are all front and center. 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 you might set up those virtual learning groups to facilitate that shared learning experience.

Startup, Training, and Consulting

- 1. How soon can I begin getting started using Exact Path? What are my first steps?

 Once your district completes the startup process and your students are rostered, you can begin using Exact Path 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 a blended environment. Edmentum can partner with your district 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 startup for teachers is included in the OSDE's contract with Exact Path. After a district signs an agreement 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:
 - Oklahoma Getting Started Resources Page
 (url: https://info.edmentum.com/OK-State-XP-Program_Getting-Started-LP.html) for step-by-step directions, videos, resources, and user guides to support your startup.
 - OnDemand and Live Webinars
 - Startup Overview
 - Implementation Workshop
 - Best Practices for Blended Learning
 - Data Informed Decision Making
 - Data Coach for School Teams
 - Regional Workshops
 - Data Informed Decision Making
 - Data Coach for School Teams
 - District Train the Trainer
 - Office Hours



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 you direct message students within the program?

Yes. You can send messages to students and they can message their teacher back from directly 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 and ClassLink.

2. Does Exact Path offer integrations with other Learning Management Systems, such as **Canvas or Seesaw?**

Currently, Exact Path does not offer LMS integrations.

- 3. 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
- 4. Is an API available to get real time student progress data for our data analysts? No, an API is not currently available for Exact Path due to the dynamic and adaptive nature of the data provided. At Edmentum, we continue to evaluate the opportunities to provide API functionality in strategic ways and will continually evolve our strategy to meet customer needs.
- 5. Does Exact Path require downloading an app?

No. Exact Path is accessible from our web-based platform and can be accessed using one of our single sign-on integrations or by visiting the following url: www.login.edmentum.com.

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 integration, such that you can use your scores from that assessment to 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-nwea-data
- 2. We already use Renaissance Star; will we have to test our students even more? No! Exact Path offers a Renaissance Star integration, such that you can use your scores from that assessment to 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-<u>define-academic-year-select-standards-and-integrate-renaissance-data</u>
- 3. How long does it take to complete each Exact Path diagnostic? For Kindergarten and 1st grade students, the diagnostic takes approximately 15-25 minutes to

complete and is about 30 questions in length. For 2nd grade through 12th grade students, the diagnostic takes approximately 30-60 minutes to complete and is about 45-50 questions in length.

4. Does the Exact Path diagnostic adjust in real time to give students harder or easier questions based on their results?

Yes. The Exact Path diagnostic is computer adaptive. That means that with each question that 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 the diagnostic? 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 it is available for the student to complete. Our recommendation is that testing events occur approximately 12 weeks apart from one another to calculate valid growth measures for each student.



6. In addition to diagnostic assessments, is there something within Exact Path that could provide additional 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 20question Progress Checks are a terrific way to determine skill mastery 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 within the window. In the case that a testing window is closed or you do not wish to initially assess the student (but would prefer to create a learning path for them right away), you have the ability to auto-generate an on-grade level learning path for the student.

8. Is there any discussion about adding your diagnostics to the approved screener list for the **Reading Sufficiency Act?**

Our State & Federal Programs team is constantly identifying and reviewing opportunities to submit Edmentum programs for appropriate approval on state and national lists. Details for this specific RSA list are currently with our teams for review.

9. Can the diagnostic be administered in a non-web-based fashion?

No. The Exact Path diagnostic 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 Oklahoma standards?

All K-12 content is aligned to Oklahoma 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. Can you modify the content progression to make it unique to a specific school or district needs?

The content progression in the learning path is fixed and students only receive lessons for the skills that they need to work on. The Assignments feature can be used to push out additional content as desired, allowing you the flexibility to adjust how and when students interact with



different curriculum at different times of the year.

4. Can the mastery percentage required and number of problems required to meet mastery be adjusted?

Exact Path Mastery Quizzes require earning an 80% or above to demonstrate mastery. Progress Checks similarly require earning an 80% or above for a student to earn a Mastery Trophy and therefore be allowed to progress to a new skill. These formative assessments may not be edited.

5. By default, students receive no more than four skills at a time in their learning path. Can that number be adjusted?

No. Content in Exact Path is intentionally delivered in bite-sized pieces such that students are not overwhelmed. After each set of four skills, students are formatively assessed to ensure mastery as well as adapt the learning path going forward.

6. 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 ageappropriate in content style, but the actual grade level will not be labeled for the student to directly view.

7. Do learners of varying abilities receive content that is developmentally appropriate? Depending on diagnostic placement, students may receive skills that are below grade level, on, or above grade level. It is paramount that no matter where their skill gaps lie that they receive content that has an appropriate look and feel. For that reason, we provide 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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 alignments. We offer assignable lessons and videos as well as printable worksheets and lesson ideas to enhance your instruction in the 'Content Search' area.



11. Is there a spell-check element in the text response items?

No. We do not have this feature at this time.

12. Are there books/reading materials available as a part of Exact Path?

We have reading materials built into the program, in the tutorials, practice items, and assessment items. Reading materials progress in reading level and in complexity across the grade levels.

13. Does Exact Path integrate augmented reality?

No, not at this time. We offer augmented reality in our Courseware program and are constantly evolving our best-in-class curriculum to meet industry needs.

Reporting and Progress Monitoring

1. How does Exact Path provide usage data?

For students that complete 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 <u>Learning Path Progress</u> 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 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 that 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?

When students master content in Exact Path they earn trophies. These trophies can be reviewed by the student in the Rewards area. Additionally, teachers can enable access to student summary reports. These reports include diagnostic data, growth from diagnostic to diagnostic, and specific learning path details for all skills.

4. Can Exact Path be used for issuing grades, especially for standards-based grading?

All of the following information is provided in reports and can be used as the basis for assigning grades to students. Progress Checks are conducted after every set of up to 4 skills and can be used as quiz-level grades. The diagnostic assessment is designed to be re-administered at the end of each semester and can be used as a test or semester grade. Finally, minutes in the system provide an overview of effort and can be used as the basis for an optional participation grade.



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 (Individualized Education Programs) 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 grade levels 6-12 skills in the program, learners have the ability to use a translator in a variety of languages. This provides the students with the heaviest text load the ability 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 here.

Exact Path and Other Edmentum Programs

1. How can Study Island and Exact Path be used together?

Using Study Island and Exact Path together ensures that you are providing a two-pronged learning approach that both encourages proficiency and promotes growth, respectively.

Study Island's primary objective is to ensure students meet standards mastery of on-grade standards in alignment with the scope and sequence you are tasked to teach as a classroom teacher. The program offers 600,000+ practice items aligned to your state standards that can be leveraged in flexible practice sessions or as customizable classroom assessments.

Exact Path's primary objective is to ensure students close specific learning gaps and achieve academic growth, regardless of the grade level they are in. The program individualizes the learning experience for every student to provide remediation or acceleration as students need it and tracks growth via valid measures for each diagnostic assessment administration.

Additional resources to learn more about how the two programs can be used in tandem are found here:

- Boost Growth + Proficiency Recorded Webinar
- Secrets to a Successful Implementation from Two Georgia Schools
- Providing Individualized Learning Opportunities: An Arizona Customer Spotlight
- 2. The content drawer indicates associated Study Island topics. Is this content integrated into Exact Path, or does it require a Study Island subscription to access?

Associated Study Island topics are noted in Exact Path to help educators using both programs



identify which content is aligned to each Exact Path lesson. A Study Island subscription is required to access these content recommendations.

3. Is Reading Eggs available from the OSDE?

No. Only free access to Exact Path is available from the State Department of Education. Reading Eggs, which offers pre-K-6th grade foundational literacy instruction and reinforcement, does require an additional subscription. This program offers a strong reading foundation for early and emergent readers that require additional phonemic awareness, phonics, and fluency support.

Contact Information

1. Who can I contact if I have more questions?

If you have additional questions, please send them to oksdexp@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.

