

Missouri Assessment Program – Practice Form
Grade 8 Science
Script for Administering Braille Edition

This script should be used to administer the Braille edition of the assessments. This script should not be used to administer the online assessments. This document contains secure testing materials and must be destroyed following the guidelines provided in Section 3.4 of the *Test Coordinator's Manual*.

To ensure that all students are tested under the same conditions, the Test Examiner (TE) should adhere strictly to the script for administering the test. These instructions can be found in the boxes in bold on the following pages. The TE should answer questions raised by students when asked but should never help the class or individual students with specific test items. Except for single words, no test items can be read to any student for any content area unless the student has Read Aloud as a specified tool/accommodation.

Please remember that the script must be followed exactly and used each time a test is administered. All directions that a TE must read to students are indicated by the word "SAY" and are in boxes so they stand out from the regular text. They should be read aloud exactly as written, using a natural tone and manner. If the TE makes a mistake in reading a direction, the TE should stop and say, "I made a mistake. Listen again." Then the direction should be reread.

The TE should try to maintain a natural classroom atmosphere during the test administration. Before each test begins, he or she should encourage students to do their best.

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GRADE 8, SESSION 1

Make sure that each student has his or her own test booklet and any additional materials needed to access the assessment. Students should mark their answers or indicate their responses to the Test Examiner.

SAY Please make sure you have the correct test booklet. Do not open your test booklet until I tell you to do so.

Pause to make sure students have their own test booklets.

SAY Now you will be taking the Science Practice Form. This test has two sessions that contain different types of questions. Today you will take Session 1. This session includes a combination of standalone questions and sets of questions based on a common task or scenario. Some questions will require you to choose each correct answer. Other questions will require you to mark or indicate your answers to the Test Examiner. Read each question carefully and follow the directions.

Pause.

SAY When you come to the word STOP at the bottom of the page, you have finished this session. You may go back over Session 1 and check your answers, but do not go to any other session. When you finish checking Session 1, please close your test booklet and sit quietly.

Are there any questions?

Pause to answer any questions the students have. When you are sure that the students understand the directions, continue.

SAY Open your test booklet to the first question in Session 1. You may begin.

Make sure students are on the correct page.

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When the students have finished,

<p>SAY Stop. This is the end of the Science Practice Form, Session 1. Please close your test booklet.</p>
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If this is the end of testing for the day, collect all testing materials and secure the materials after confirming that all test booklets are accounted for.

*If this is **not** the end of testing for the day, have students close their test booklets and take a short break. Resume testing when students are ready to continue.*

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GRADE 8, SESSION 2

Make sure that each student has his or her own test booklet and any additional materials needed to access the assessment. Students should mark their answers or indicate their responses to the Test Examiner.

SAY Please make sure you have the correct test booklet. Do not open your test booklet until I tell you to do so.

Pause to make sure students have their own test booklets.

SAY Now you will be taking the Science Practice Form. This test has two sessions that contain different types of questions. Today you will take Session 2. This session includes a combination of standalone questions and sets of questions based on a common task or scenario. Some questions will require you to choose each correct answer. Other questions will require you to mark or indicate your answers to the Test Examiner. Read each question carefully and follow the directions.

Pause.

SAY When you come to the word STOP at the bottom of the page, you have finished this session. You may go back over Session 2 and check your answers, but do not go to any other session. When you finish checking Session 2, please close your test booklet and sit quietly.

Are there any questions?

Pause to answer any questions the students have. When you are sure that the students understand the directions, continue.

SAY Open your test booklet to the first question in Session 2. You may begin.

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When the students have finished,

SAY Stop. This is the end of the Science *Practice Form*, Session 2. Please close your test booklet.

Collect all test materials.