

Orchard Now

State Test Practice Program



Every year teachers must prepare their students for state tests. Orchard Now simplifies test preparation for teachers by assessing students on their state's testing and curriculum standards and automatically assigning practice targeting areas in need of remediation. Orchard Now is easy to use and raises test scores.

- ✓ Orchard Now provides assessments and practice for state testing and curriculum standards.
- ✓ Orchard Now has practice and assessment for grades 1–9 for math, language arts, and science for grades 4, 8, and Biology Exit.
- ✓ Orchard Now can automatically assign appropriate practice based on pretest results. Math instruction is assigned for grades 1 to 3.
- ✓ Students earn time with motivating reward games when they master standards-based skills.
- ✓ Students can continue their practice at home and share their progress with their parent or guardian.
- ✓ Students receive instructional feedback and have access to their own personal report to track their success.

Sample State Test Practice Lesson Plan

The actual number of questions on each assessment and the actual skills assigned will vary, depending on your state's testing or curriculum standards. The following is based on a six-week program, with an estimated 20 language arts skills 10 math skills and 10 science being assigned by each grade-level pretest. Assumes students will have 90 to 120 minutes of computer time a week.

WEEK	TEACHER	STUDENT	ESTIMATED TIME REQUIRED
1 One	Set up students and assign grade-appropriate pretests	Math Pretest Language Arts Pretest Science Pretest Language Arts Practice 1–2	30 Minutes 30 Minutes 30 Minutes 30 Minutes
2 Two	Review Student Reports	Math Practice 1–3† Language Arts Practice 3–6 Science Practice 1–2	30 Minutes* 60 Minutes* 30 Minutes*
3 Three	Review Student Reports	Math Practice 4–6 Language Arts Practice 7–10 Science Practice 3–4	30 Minutes* 60 Minutes* 30 Minutes
4 Four	Review Student Reports	Math Practice 7–9 Language Arts Practice 11–14 Science Practice 5–6	30 Minutes* 60 Minutes* 30 Minutes*
5 Five	Review Student Reports	Math Practice 10–12 Language Arts Practice 15–18 Science Practice 7–8	30 Minutes* 60 Minutes* 30 Minutes
6 Six	Print and Email Reports	Language Arts Practice 18–20 Science Practice 9–10 Math Posttest Language Arts Posttest Science Posttest	30 Minutes** 30 Minutes 30 Minutes 30 Minutes 30 Minutes

* Assumes one math practice, one language arts practice, and one science practice daily at 20–25 minutes per practice session.

** If students complete assigned practice, they may repeat practice sessions for any skills that have not been mastered.

† If a license of Orchard Now includes a Math 123 instruction component, allow an additional 30 minutes three times a week to work through instructional activities.

Teacher Tips

1. Create Class, Enter Students, and Assign Assessment(s)

- Set up your class(es) and teacher(s) in Administrator and logout.
- Login as a teacher and set up your students and assign them to the appropriate class based on the students' grade level.
- Assign the appropriate assessment(s) to each class.

2. Edit Preferences

- Mastery is set at 80%—change if needed.
- The default is for all skills to be assigned. Check the box if you would like the students to only work on skills they do not master on the assessment. This may shorten the schedule based on each student's assessment results.
- Change the number of times a practice activity must be mastered to 1.
- Change the number of assigned practice activities to display to *All*.
- If your license includes Orchard Now Math instruction activities check the box to include activities where available in skill assignment.

3. Review Reports

- Login as the teacher and click on the *Reports* button.
- Review the Class Usage Report to review work the students have completed and to review average scores.
- Review Class Pre- and Posttest Summary Report to review progress for the class.
- Review the Student Test Summary Report to see how each student is performing on specific skills. This is a great report to share with parents.
- Review the Student Progress Report to see the progress made on assignments.

4. Suggestions

- Develop an Incentive Program:
 - Enlist the PTA/PTO to donate a mp3 player and/or other prizes for a school wide test practice drawing.
 - Students may earn a chance in the drawing for each star they earn in Orchard Now.
 - Students may also earn an additional chance in the drawing for each 10-minute practice session worked during an after-school tutoring program or for home practice.
 - Small weekly drawings may be held with a big drawing held at test time.
- Set yourself up as a student and take the pretest. You will have a report of all of the skills that are assigned by that test. If you wish, rather than having the students work through all of the skills, you may assign specific skills to the class as a whole or to specific students.
- Visit www.OrchardNow.com home page and select your state from the drop down menu. From there you may access Orchard Now's correlation to your state standards. You may review the standards and view the Orchard Now skills aligned to each standard.



For more information, visit www.OrchardNow.com, contact your representative, or call 1-800-351-1404.



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