

Rocky Hill Public Schools

Remote Testing Quick Guide for Students and Parents

FAQs for Parents/Guardians

1. How can I help my child on the day of the test?

- Ensure that the chromebook is charged and everything is in working condition on the day of the test.
- Provide a quiet space with minimal distractions while taking the remote test. Students should be mindful their teacher can see them and the area around/behind them.
- Parents should not guide their child or encourage their child to seek answers elsewhere.

2. Can my child take a Practice Test remotely before taking a science, ELA, or math assessment remotely?

Information on practice tests will be shared by the principal and/or teacher.

3. How can my child check their hardware to ensure it is working properly before testing?

Families can run a diagnostic check located at the [district website](#) to be certain their hardware is functioning. Students will be able to run a series of audio, video, and connectivity checks to let them know if their audio, microphone, webcam, video playback, text-to-speech, and connectivity are working properly. If the student encounters a problem with their hardware, they should contact [Student IT Support](#) to help troubleshoot the problem.

4. Where can I get more information about the testing system that my child will be using to take a science, ELA, or math assessment while at home?

The remote testing system is the same testing system that students use to take in-person summative assessments. For more information refer to the [On the Day of the Test](#) section.

5. Will my child have access to someone at the school if they have a question during a remote test?

If your child has questions or needs teacher assistance while taking a remote test, they can request a one-to-one conversation or a one-to-one screen sharing session with their teacher through the remote testing system by virtually “raising their hand.” The teacher will be able to see the request for assistance and can start a video conference or screen sharing session. Students can also send a chat message to their teacher at any time during the science, ELA, or math assessment.

6. What happens if my child needs a break during a remote test?

There is a 20-minute pause rule set for the science, ELA, and math assessment. If a student pauses the test for more than 20 minutes, they will need to re-login into the system and will not be able to return to the questions that they previously answered.

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7. What happens to my child's test and their answers if our internet connection is lost during the science, ELA, or math assessment?

If your child loses their internet connection while taking a remote test, the test is paused, and the teacher is notified. Your child's responses are automatically saved up to the point the connection was lost. When the internet connection resumes, your child will need to sign in again and follow the same steps they completed the first time they signed in to continue taking the test.

8. What materials do a student need, in addition to a device, at the time of testing?

Students should be provided with scratch paper and a writing utensil for taking notes or problem solving. Graph paper should be provided to students in Grades 6-8 taking the Smarter Balanced Mathematics. Though periodic tables are embedded in the test delivery system for students taking the NGSS in Grades 8 and 11, schools can print paper copies in English or Spanish from the portal. Additionally, students can use handheld calculators in lieu of the embedded, fully accessible, online Desmos calculator on the NGSS in Grades 5, 8, and 11. If available in the remote environment, headsets may provide an option for reducing distraction.

9. My child uses accommodations while testing in the classroom. Will these accommodations be available during a remote testing session?

Supports and accommodations for students with an Individualized Education Program or Section 504 Plan are available during a remote testing session. Consult with your child's teacher if you have specific questions.

10. My child has a disability. How will they be able to take a test at home if they require someone to read the test questions out loud? Require additional time? Or need other accommodations?

Almost all accommodations that are offered in an in-person environment can also be offered at home during a remote test session. However, some accommodations, such as a human reader or scribe, must be provided in-person. For additional information regarding available accommodations, contact your child's teacher or school.

11. Will anyone be observing my child during the test? Can I stay with my child in the room while they take the remote test?

The connection between student and teacher is strictly controlled. The only person who will see the student is their teacher. Cambium Assessment and the Connecticut State Department of Education will not have access to audio or video, and no personal information will be shared.

Parents/guardians may need to assist younger students with the log in and functionality check process. Parents/guardians are discouraged from assisting, prompting, or providing context to students while the student is actively taking a science, ELA, or math interim assessment and is strictly prohibited.

12. Can my child use blank scratch paper to take notes or solve problems?

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Students are allowed to use blank scratch paper to take notes or problem solve, they may not use a phone or any other device, or ask someone for answers to test items. If the student has any questions about the test, use the raise hand icon or chat feature for teacher assistance.