

**Understanding MDTP Readiness Tests and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Assessments**

	<b>MDTP Readiness Tests</b>	<b>MDTP 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Assessments</b>
<b>Design</b>	MDTP Readiness Tests are diagnostic assessments designed to measure mastery levels in foundational topics to inform students' mathematical preparation for the content in the course students are entering or the course they are promoting to.	MDTP developed three 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Assessments in response to Senate Bill 359: The California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015 as one measure to inform 9 <sup>th</sup> grade math course enrollment options.
<b>Intended Use of the Results</b>	The results should be used formatively by <i>teachers and students</i> to understand strengths and areas of unfinished learning, inform instruction and interventions, and evaluate students' next-course readiness. The results may be used by <i>math educators</i> to measure program growth, evaluate program design, and inform opportunities for professional learning.	The results are intended to be used as <i>one of multiple measures</i> as indicated in the SB-359 requirements to inform options for course enrollment. The diagnostic results can also be used to measure program growth, evaluate program design, identify appropriate professional learning, and help to define and refine policy.
<b>Appropriate Administration</b>	Use MDTP Readiness Tests any time throughout the school year. A test may be taken over multiple days.	Use MDTP 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Assessment Tests near the end of 8 <sup>th</sup> grade course work or prior to course work in the 9 <sup>th</sup> grade. These assessments must be finished in one sitting.
<b>Student Registration</b>	Classes rosters need to be pre-populated prior to test assignments being created. Students access the test using their preloaded last name and student ID.	Students self-register, meaning that pre-populating student rosters prior to testing is not required.
<b>Type of Results</b>	Online readiness results allow users to create various reports, analyze cohort results (to include MDTP topic critical level indicators), and evaluate student performance. The readiness platform allows teachers to see each test item, the distribution of student responses for each item, and the names of students selecting each option.	Online 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Assessment results allow users to create various reports and analyze cohort results; however, these <i>results do not provide topic critical level indicators</i> . Results include the number correct by topic and the overall percent correct. The 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Assessment platform <i>does not</i> allow teachers to see each test item or students' results for that item.
<b>Test Forms</b>	MDTP Readiness Test are available for FREE on the MDTP online readiness platform and in paper form.	MDTP 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Assessments are available for FREE on the MDTP 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Assessment platform only.