

About Questar Assessment

Questar Assessment Inc. is a K–12 assessment partner with a 40-year history of providing large-scale summative assessments focused on building a bridge between learning and accountability through design, delivery, scoring, and reporting services.

Our Leadership Team

Stephen Lazer Chief Executive Officer
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 Katie McClarty, Ph.D. Chief Assessment Officer
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 Nate Ober Chief Technology Officer
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What Sets Us Apart

The Nextera Online Testing System

Questar Assessment has more than 10 years of experience delivering assessments online. Nextera, our third-generation, end-to-end, online testing system is scalable, secure, and easy to use.

Involving Local Educators

When our partner states choose to work with us to involve local educators in the assessment development process, they reap many benefits, including:

- A sense of shared responsibility for the success of the state assessment
- Better teacher-written formative assessments
- Peer-to-peer training in assessment best practices
- Alignment of daily classroom work and state standards
- Buy-in among key stakeholders and educators

The Number Story

34 State Partners

1,550,000,000+
Test Pages Scanned

60,000+
Test Items Developed

2,600,000+
Average Total of
Students Tested Per Year

115,000,000+
Printed
Documents Produced

2,400,000+
Online Test Sessions Delivered on Nextera in 2018

Types Of Summative Assessment Programs We Provide

- Large-scale English Language Arts (ELA), math, and science testing (3–8)
- End-of-course testing (EOC)
- Alternate testing of learners with special needs (ALT)

We Build Our Summative Assessment Programs Through:

Design

Our services include test design; item development; form construction; field testing and evaluation; and psychometrics.

Delivery

Our online assessment system, Nextera, integrates a student test interface, administration portal, and reporting capabilities, and supports technology enhanced items.

Our full-service paper/pencil test administrations include design; publication; printing of regular print, large print, and braille materials; distribution; retrieval; scanning; and storage.

Scoring


Our proprietary scoring application enables the scoring of millions of essays, constructed responses, and performance task responses, while supporting myriad response types, from paper and online text to audio files.

Reporting

Our expertise in data analysis and reporting provides actionable data, and our report design experience meets the needs of states.


Examples of Program Experience

Missouri



EOC
2007–Present
Online


Indiana



ALT
2015–2018
Paper/Pencil and Online

EOC
2002–2018
Paper/Pencil and Online

New York



Grades 3–8
2015–Present
Paper/Pencil and Online


ALT
2010–2015
Paper/Pencil

Michigan




ALT
2001–2005/2008–2013
Paper/Pencil

Utah



Grades 3–8
2018–Present
Online

Tennessee



Grades 3–8
2016–Present
Paper/Pencil and Online


EOC
2016–Present
Paper/Pencil and Online

EOC ALT
2016–Present
Paper/Pencil

Optional Grade 2 LSS
2016–Present
Paper/Pencil


Optional Grade 2 ALT
2016–Present
Paper/Pencil

Connecticut



Grades 3–8
2009–2014
Paper/Pencil


South Dakota



Science
2014–Present
Online

ALT Science
2014–Present
Online

Mississippi



Grades 3–8
2015–Present
Online

EOC
2015–Present
Online


ALT
2015–Present
Online

New Jersey



ALT
2012–2017
Paper/Pencil

Arkansas



ALT
2001–2018
Paper/Pencil

EOC
2005–2015
Paper/Pencil

Grade 11 Literacy Examination
2005–2014
Paper/Pencil

Questar Assessment Timeline

1976

Founded under the name of Touchstone Applied Science Associates (TASA)

2006

TASA acquired Questar Educational Systems and renamed new, combined entity as Questar Assessment. Merger resulted in decades of accumulated experience in statewide, large-scale, educational assessments

Began testing on our first-generation online assessment system

2014

Released our second-generation online assessment system

Developed proprietary Collection of Evidence tool that allows online administration of alternate assessments

2015

Released Nextera, our third-generation online assessment system, based on more than 10 years of experience delivering online assessments

2017

Educational Testing Systems (ETS) acquired Questar Assessment as a wholly-owned, independently-operated subsidiary