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
Jason Hake  Chief Financial Officer
Katie McClarty, Ph.D.  Chief Assessment Officer
Brad Baumgartner  Chief Operating Officer
Brendan Kealey  Chief Information Officer
Cheryl Hilinski  Chief Performance Officer

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

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.

The Number Story

- 34 State Partners
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- 2,600,000+ Average Total of Students Tested Per Year
- 115,000,000+ Printed Documents Produced
- 12,000,000+ Tests Taken Using Our Online Platform

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Examples of Program Experience

New York
Grades 3–8
2015–Present
Paper/Pencil and Online
ELL
2010–2015
Paper/Pencil

Missouri
EOC
2010–Present
Online

Georgia
ALT
2006–Present
Paper/Pencil

Tennessee
Grades 3–8
2016–2019
Paper/Pencil and Online
EOC and EOC ALT
2016–2019
Paper/Pencil and Online
Optional Grade 2 LSS and ALT
2016–2019
Paper/Pencil

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
Released our second-generation online assessment system
Developed proprietary Collection of Evidence tool that allows online administration of alternate assessments
Released Nextera, our third-generation online assessment system, based on more than 10 years of experience delivering online assessments

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

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