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Shrinking the 2017 General State Assessment Footprint

For purposes of estimating assessment time KSDE calculates one session as 45 – 60 minutes

		Math			English / Language Arts (ELA)			Science	
		Grades 3 – 8 & 10			3 – 8 & 10			5, 8, 11	
		Machine Scored	Performance	Total Time	Machine Scored	Performance	Total Time	Machine Scored	Total Time
2016		4 sessions	1 session	225 to 300 minutes	4 sessions	2 sessions	270 to 360 minutes	3 sessions	135 to 180 minutes
2017		2 sessions	Moved to Interim	90 to 120 minutes	2 sessions	Moved to Interim	90 to 120 minutes	2 sessions	90 to 120 minutes

2016 Total Testing Time for Kansas Assessment Program
 – state general assessments in ELA, math and science

- Grades 3, 4, 6, 7 & 10 = 8.25 to 11 hours
- Grade 5 & 8 = 10.5 to 14 hours
- Grade 11 = 2.25 to 3 hours

2017 Total Testing Time for Kansas Assessment Program
 – state general assessments in ELA, math and science:

- Grades 3, 4, 6, 7 & 10 = 3 to 4 hours
- Grades 5 & 8 = 4.5 to 6 hours
- Grade 11 = 1.5 to 2 hours

Voluntary Interim Assessments: During the 2016-2017 school year the first phase of the Kansas Interim Assessment program will be launched. Phase one will include: Mini tests (multiple choice and technology enhanced questions) and performance items that are aligned with the Kansas standards in ELA and Mathematics. Each mini test has 6-8 test items while the performance tasks are released items that were implemented in the field the last two years. Teachers can combine mini tests to make a larger test or they can use the individual mini tests to assess a specific content after teaching it. The interim assessment is not designed as “practice prep for the Kansas assessment” but is designed to help guide teachers and schools in making good instructional decisions about student learning. Phase one of the interim will be ready for release in early September. Training will be provided through webinars and at the KSDE fall conference.

Throughout the year additional work will be done on the interim assessment using educator feedback and analysis of the mini tests. Phase two of the interim will provide predictive scores and much more!