


## Accessing Online Item Samplers

Online item samplers are available to students and other users so that they can become familiar with the format and type of content included in the online tests. These item samplers contain fewer items than the full-length tests and are aligned to the Minnesota Academic Standards. They are not suitable for predicting how students will perform on the assessments.

Anyone can access these online item samplers using the guest login options.

 The Online Item Samplers **must be accessed using Mozilla Firefox**.

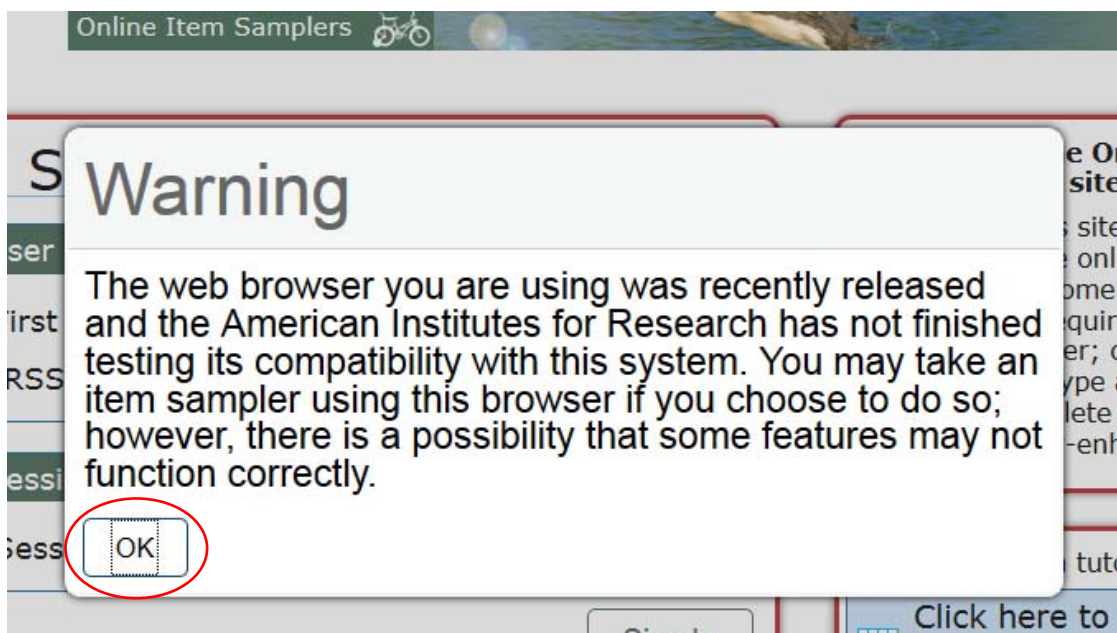
Firefox is free and you can download it here: <http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/features/>

Accessing the Item Samplers -

Please use the link found on the Rockford website ([www.rockford.k12.mn.us](http://www.rockford.k12.mn.us)) under Students:



If you see this warning, click OK to continue:



## Options for Logging In

### A. Guest User in Guest Session

1. Make sure that the boxes next to "Guest User" and "Guest Session" are checked.
2. Click [Sign In].

## Online Item Samplers Login Page (showing default Guest User/Guest Session)

Please Sign In

Guest User

First Name: GUEST  
MARSS/SSID: GUEST

Guest Session

Session ID: GUEST Session

Sign In

Welcome to the Online Item Samplers web site!  
You can use this site to become familiar with the online Minnesota Assessments. Some of the questions will require you to select one answer; others may require you to type a short answer or complete another type of technology-enhanced item.

Interactive Item tutorial:  
Click here to learn how to answer technology-enhanced questions.

Welcome to the Minnesota Assessments Online Item Samplers!  
Anyone can access these online item samplers using the guest login options. Students may also use their first name and 13-digit MARSS/SSID number to log into a practice session or a guest session.  
To log in with your student account (using your name and MARSS/SSID number):  
• Un-check the "Guest User" check box (both fields will become blank)  
• Enter your first name and MARSS/SSID number in the fields above.  
To log in as a Guest (anonymous user) in a Guest Session:  
• Make sure the "Guest User" check box is checked (both fields will automatically display Guest)  
• Click [Sign In] to log into the Online Item Samplers as a guest user.

About Guest Sessions:  
Guest sessions do not require Test Monitor approval. You can see the item samplers using your own settings.  
To enter a practice session with a Test Monitor:  
• Un-check the "Guest Session" check box.  
• Enter the Session ID, and then click [Sign In].

Run diagnostics

Browser: Firefox v13

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## About Guest Sessions

Guest sessions do not require Test Monitor approval, so users can access the online item samplers directly and can also modify the default background color choice, print size, and text-to-speech settings. Guest users will need to pick a grade level prior to selecting an item sampler.

### Select a Grade Level (Guest Users) and Confirm Information (Students)

1. Guest users must select a grade level from the drop-down list; this will determine the item samplers you can access. Users should confirm the information on the screen.
2. Click [Yes] to continue.

Is This You?

Please review the information below. If all of the information is correct, click [Yes], if not click [No].

Name: GUEST, GUEST  
Date of Birth: None  
School: GUEST School  
MARSS/SSID: GUEST -941  
Grade: Select Grade

No Yes

### Select an Item Sampler (All Users)

1. Click on the name of the item sampler you want to take. You will continue to the next step.
2. If you want to access another grade, click [Back to login] to start over.

*Note: If you are a student who previously logged in to a practice session and have already started an item sampler, the text will say "Resume" instead of "Start."*

Your Item Samplers

Choose an item sampler:

Start G5 Math MCA Item Sampler  
This is opportunity 1 of 50

Start G5 Reading MCA Item Sampler  
This is opportunity 1 of 50

Start G5 Science MCA Item Sampler  
This is opportunity 1 of 50

Start G5 Math MCA-Modified Item Sampler  
This is opportunity 1 of 50

Start G5 Reading MCA-Modified Item Sampler  
This is opportunity 1 of 50

Back to login

## Choose Test Settings (Guest Sessions only)

This page appears only when logging in to a guest session and allows you to select options for print size, background color, and text-to-speech audio settings, if applicable. Click **[Select]** to continue.

*Note: If you log in to a practice test session created by a Test Monitor, you will be unable to change the settings. If you log in to a guest session, you will be able to change the settings.*

Choose Settings:  
**G5 Math MCA Item Sampler**  
Language: English  
Print Size: No default zoom applied  
Color Choices: None  
Audio Settings: Standard Text-to-Speech  
Go Back **Select**

*Reminder: For text-to-speech to work, access the item samplers using AIR's secure browser.*

## Confirm Selected Item Sampler and Settings (All Users)

1. Review the screen and confirm the test and the test settings.
2. Click **[Yes, Start the Item Sampler]** to proceed.

Is this your Item Sampler?  
Session ID: GUEST Session  
**G5 Math MCA Item Sampler**  
Color Choices: None  
Language: English  
Print Size: No default zoom applied  
Audio Settings: Standard Text-to-Speech  
Is the item sampler listed above the one you want to take? If it is, click [Yes, Start the Item Sampler], if not, click [No].  
No **Yes, Start the Item Sampler**

If you see this warning, click Continue:

## Text-to-Speech is Not Available

Text-to-Speech is not available on the browser and/or platform that you are using. Please make sure you are using a supported secure browser.

**Continue**

**Log Out**

The *Test Instructions and Help* page is next. Review the information on this page and then click **[Begin Item Sampler]** at the bottom of the screen. You will see the first item(s).

Test Instructions and Help

Click [Help] to access the Help Guide at any time during your session. Scroll down for more information.

Button	Function / Details	Keyboard Commands
	Open the GLOBAL MENU	Ctrl + G
➡	Go to the NEXT test page	Ctrl + → (or use the Global Menu)
⬅	Go to the PREVIOUS test page	Ctrl + ← (or use the Global Menu)
	Move to the NEXT ELEMENT (on a page containing multiple items and/or a reading passage)	Tab
	Move to the PREVIOUS ELEMENT (on a page containing multiple items and/or a reading passage)	Shift + Tab

Return to Login **Begin Item Sampler**