













Next Generation Iowa Assessments®

	Test Name	Description of Levels 9-14
	Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administered in 2 parts • Includes both literary and informational passages • Questions focus on interpreting, analyzing, and extending information presented in passages
	Written Expression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some questions focus on the most appropriate way to express the ideas in a piece of writing. Questions may involve organization, sentence structure, clarity, and effective or inappropriate language. • Some questions focus on the identification of the line of text that contains an error. If there is no error, students select "No mistakes."
	Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administered in 2 parts • Questions are drawn from the areas of number sense and operations, algebraic patterns and connections, data analysis, probability, statistics, geometry, and measurement
	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions emphasize the methods and processes used in scientific inquiry, as well as knowledge in the areas of life science, earth and space science, and physical science
	Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions emphasize the interpretation of social studies-related materials as well as knowledge drawn from the areas of history, geography, economics, and civics and government
	Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions emphasize general vocabulary words presented in context • Students select the answer that is the closest synonym for the given word • Includes approximately equal numbers of nouns, verbs, and modifiers
	Spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions emphasize common errors in root words, such as substitutions, reversals and omissions, and errors associated with suffixes • Each question presents four words, one of which may be misspelled, and a fifth option, "No mistakes"
	Capitalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions emphasize common errors in the capitalization of names, titles, dates, holidays, and other words • Students mark the line of text that contains an error or select "No mistakes"
	Punctuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions emphasize common errors in the use of end punctuation, commas, and other punctuation such as quotation marks • Students mark the line of text that contains an error or select "No mistakes"
	Computation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions emphasize addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division using whole numbers, fractions, or decimals • At Level 14, some questions emphasize algebraic manipulation • If the correct answer is not given, students select "N" (Not given)

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Additional Level 9 Tests		
	Word Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions emphasize sound-letter associations and word structure as applied to initial, medial, and final sounds and to silent letters, initial syllables, final syllables, affixes, and compound words
	Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions emphasize the skills needed to comprehend material presented aloud • Response choices are a mix of pictorial and text-based stimuli
<p><i>Information Literacy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions embedded within the Reading, Written Expression, Science, and Social Studies tests focus on acquiring, evaluating, and using information from a variety of sources • Emphasis is placed on assessing critical-thinking skills needed for effective lifelong use of information, both in and out of the classroom 		