



# MICA Item Sampler and TNReady Practice Resources

If teachers understand the questions so they can plan instruction to match expectations...

And students get to practice with the tools so they are comfortable using the system...

Students will be comfortable and ready for success on TNReady!

# Practice Tools

The TDOE will make two optional tools available to educators and districts.

TNReady  
Item Sampler  
(MICA)

TNReady  
Practice Test  
(MIST)

# TNReady Item Sampler (MICA)

## Purpose:

- To give educators access to questions like the questions on TNReady
- To give students the chance to practice with the tools and system in every day instruction

## Timeline

- May – Teacher Access, 8-12 Items per grade and subject
- August – Student Access, 25-40 more items per grade and subject

# Accommodations

Students will have access to accommodations and accessibility features on TNReady.

The Item Sampler (MICA) and the Practice Test (MIST) will have the same accessibility features.

# Functions

What will teachers be able to do with MICA?

- Preview items with scoring information
- Build test-lets with available questions
- Assign tests to classes or individual students
- See reports on student performance on automatically scored items
- Score extended response student work
- Access practice tools

# TNReady Item Sampler (MICA)

What it IS	What it is NOT:
A collection of items that are similar to the items that will be on TNReady	A full practice test (we have the practice test for that!)
Practice tools on a system that mimics the testing platform	A secure testing platform
A tool for flexible use for teachers	A fixed interim assessment program
A tool that can help get students used to the functions of the system and complement rigorous instruction	A tool that should be used to kill and drill students on how to try to game the test.

# How could you or teachers use MICA?

- Make a test with all the test items and take it personally
- Play around the practice tools
- Use a few questions as a pretest to find out what students know
- Assign one question to the class and walk through it together to learn the features
- Create individualized quizzes based on student areas of improvement
- Use relevant questions on a chapter or unit test
- Create a common test-let with other grade level teachers and review results together

# Resources

There are several resources that are at your disposal as your teachers work with MICA in Phase I and Phase II (tentatively September).

- Quickstart Guide
- User Guide
- TN Video
- MI Video
- Ongoing Feedback Survey

# TNReady Practice Test (MIST)

## Purpose

- To simulate a short-form of the TNReady test on the same platform as the operational test.

## Timeline

- One practice test will be available for Part I and Part II throughout the year. **There is only one version of each part.**
- It will be available on the testing platform (but it will not be available during operational testing windows.)
- The MIST Practice Test will be available during October, January and March.

# Functions

What will schools be able to do with the practice test?

- It has all the same features and functions as the TNReady test, only the questions will be different.
- The set up process for the practice test is the same as the set up process for the operational test.
- Reports will be provided to the school on student performance on automatically scored questions.
- Teachers can score Extended Response questions using the same rubrics and scoring guides.

# TNReady Practice Test (MIST)

What it IS	What it is NOT:
A short form of the TNReady test.	A full version of the TNReady test.
The questions will be the same rigor and focus as the questions on TNReady.	The actual TNReady test will be different, secure questions.
Results will be a good indication of what students will do well with and need to focus on to be ready for the test.	Results will not be perfectly predictive of students final performance.

# Other MICA/MIST resources

In your manual on **p. 172**, you'll find several resources that have been developed to help you support your teachers use of the TNReady Practice Tools.

Let's look through them together.

# Other MICA/MIST resources

You have a document on **p. 172** that describes the practice tools that we just reviewed earlier.

On **p. 173**, you find information (including screenshots) that describe in detail the features of both the Phase I and Phase II MICA release. Note how class rosters will look for teachers.

# Other MICA/MIST resources

On **p. 174** you see how teachers will be able to select items from the bank included in the MICA Item Sampler as well as how they can base selections on the standard, level of difficulty, and higher order thinking skill level.

On **p. 175**, the accessibility features are explained as well as score report options (students, assessments, classes).

# Other MICA/MIST resources

Screenshots on **pp. 175-77** show you what various score reports will look like.

It is important that you work with your teachers early in the year to best determine your school's approach to using these optional resources. Engage with your Learning Leaders as they will also be discussing MICA and the MIST Practice Test in their sessions.

# MICA Support

- Contact Information
- MICA Hotline: 1-855-550-2690
- Email: [support@micatime.com](mailto:support@micatime.com)

# MICA Exploration Time

We have built some time into our schedule to log into MICA and explore some of the Phase I features.

Let's go ahead and take a look at MICA. If you cannot log in yourself, you may also go to view demo of MICA that we're going to look at now:

[www.micatime.com](http://www.micatime.com)

Once here, please click on the "About" button and you may watch a video walkthrough and view some sample items.

# Other Technology resources

For reference, you will find several pages of technology resources shared with teachers in the English language arts training on **pp. 178-191**.

Take a moment to look through these resources.