



FAQs for CLT 3-6 Assessment Pilot

CLT is developing four distinct assessments - one for each grade - for 3rd through 6th grade.

Preliminary Questions

Why is CLT developing a lower grade assessment?

The purpose of the CLT Assessments for Grades 3-6 is to offer a summative, end-of-year assessment to in-school and homeschool students who are receiving a classical or traditional education. We are offering a back-to-the-basics (reading, writing, and arithmetic) examination that is reflective of what our partner schools and homeschool parents are teaching.

What assessments are included in the CLT 3-6 assessment suite?

The CLT 3-6 assessment suite includes four distinct tests (one for each grade level for 3rd through 6th grade).

When will the field test take place? How long is each grade level's field test?

The field test will be offered May 8 - June 2. All exams must be completed within this time frame. While the exam is untimed, it is anticipated to last approximately 3-3.5 hours, because of extra questions for the norming study. However, schools will not need to administer the entire pilot exam at one time; testing coordinators will have the option to divide up the test by section over several days. Operational assessments that will launch in the 2023-2024 academic year will be approximately 2 to 2.5 hours.

How much does it cost to take the field test?

Schools and co-ops that participate in the CLT 3-6 field test will receive their ordered assessments from the suite free of charge.

Is there a minimum number of test takers required to register for pilot testing?

Pilot test registration requires at least 15 total test takers for each participating school. There is no minimum number of test takers per grade level. In addition, schools may choose to administer a pilot assessment in all or some of the grade-levels.

Does a school have to be classical to participate and benefit from CLT 3-6 assessments?

CLT exams are open to every student, regardless of educational background. The "classic" in Classic Learning Test refers to its use of the greatest and most enduring texts that have informed and shaped society. CLT assessments provide detailed information about student performance at each grade level.

Will schools need to create student accounts for each test-taker?

No, students will not need to have CLT usernames or accounts in order to take the CLT3-6 pilot assessment.

Scoring Details

Why is CLT piloting a lower grade assessment in the spring of 2023?

A pilot or field test of the CLT 3-6 assessment suite is necessary to make sure the test items are at an appropriate level of difficulty. In addition, the pilot test will provide norm referenced scores for assessments in grades 3-6 for Spring 2024 and beyond.

How will the CLT 3-6 assessment suite be “norm referenced”?

The CLT will report Lexile (verbal) and Quantile (mathematical) measures for individual students along with the Lexile and Quantile national user percentile norms. This data will allow parents and administrators to see how students compare to national norms in these areas. More than 35 million students in the United States receive Lexile and Quantile measures each academic year.

Will the Spring 2023 pilot test be scored?

Yes. School administrators will receive a comprehensive analytics report for their group of students.

Will individual scores be available for each test-taker?

Individual score reports will be available for the administrator to share with parents, if they wish to do so. The individual score reports will not be as comprehensive as the school’s analytics report but will contain the following information:

- Score for Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning
- National percentile for Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning
- Lexile and Quantile Measures

Exam Details

What is the exam format for the spring field test?

Four sections in total:

- Two Verbal Reasoning sections (Sections 1-2)
 - Six passages and stand-alone grammar items across 2 Verbal Reasoning sections
- Two Quantitative Reasoning sections (Sections 3-4)

What can I expect from the Verbal Reasoning Passages on the CLT3-6?

- Literature excerpt from classic children’s literature book
- Fable, Fairy-Tale, Myth, or Legend
- Poetry
- Historical Profile passages: non-fiction passages featuring important people, places, and events throughout various periods of world history.
- Arts/Music passages: non-fiction reading passages about famous works by renowned artists and composers.

What types of authors are featured in the literature and poetry passages?

Some example authors that may be on the exams are E.B. White, A.A. Milne, George MacDonald, Grimm Brothers, Beatrix Potter, Frank Baum, Robert Louis Stevenson, Hans Christian Anderson, Margery Williams, James Witcomb Riley, Kenneth Grahame, Robert Frost, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Howard Pyle, Louisa May Alcott, and Laura E. Richards, among others.

What can I expect from the Quantitative Reasoning on the CLT3-6?

Questions will assess Arithmetic and Operations, Geometrical Reasoning, and Mathematical Reasoning skills.

Can we see the sample test as it is being worked on?

A [Sample CLT3 Assessment](#) is now available for review on the CLT3-6 Landing Page.

How do testing accommodations work for the CLT3-6?

It is the responsibility of schools, co-ops, and homeschool parents to provide accommodations for the CLT3-6 that reflect what the student requires in normal classroom settings in order to equally access the exam.

Although formal approval through CLT is not necessary, to ensure test validity and integrity, the use of certain accommodations (readers, calculators, other math aids, and other reading aids) must be noted on the answer sheet for students receiving them. In the post test survey, administrators will also be asked to confirm that they have completed this section.

Please contact cltaccommodations@cltexam.com if you have any questions.

How to Participate

How does my school or homeschool co-op become part of the pilot test in 2023?

Please complete our [CLT3-6 Field Test Interest Form](#) to receive additional information.

I'm a homeschooling parent - can I be part of the Spring 2023 pilot?

While we are unable to offer the pilot test to individual testers, if you're part of a co-op or homeschool group interested in administering the exam to its students, please contact Kimberly Farley, our Director of Homeschool Partnerships, at kfarley@cltexam.com for more information.