

Quick Guide

Designed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), Progressive Achievement for International Schools (PAIS) is an **evidence-based online assessment tool** for international schools.

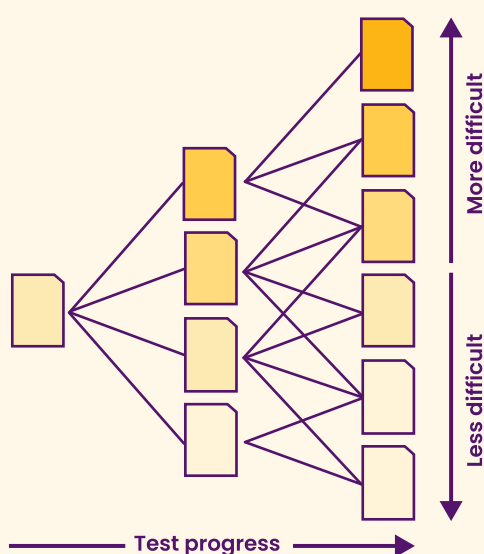
Track and inform student progress throughout the year, with fixed level tests and our new adaptive assessments.



Personalised test pathways



Instant, interactive reports



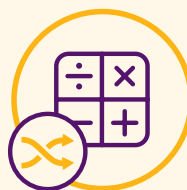
What is adaptive testing?

In adaptive assessments, students' responses determine the content, resulting in personalised test pathways. The outcome is a highly detailed picture of achievement, enabling educators to more precisely diagnose student needs and target teaching where it is needed most – while providing a more equitable way to assess.

Adaptive assessments



Reading



Mathematics

Assess literacy and understanding across reading and mathematics. Each test form includes four strands with test content personalised to each student.

For international schools

PAIS is designed for schools that use English as a language of instruction. It assesses skills and concepts as they are taught in most curricula. Questions are suitable for a range of international contexts, as they have been designed with a light reading load and test content is culturally diverse.

Fixed level assessments



English



Mathematics

Measure growth from Grades 1 to 10 in English comprehension and mathematical ability. In fixed level testing, students completing the same test form will sit the same questions.

To learn more, or register your school for a free 30-day trial of PAIS Adaptive, visit www.acer.org/pais

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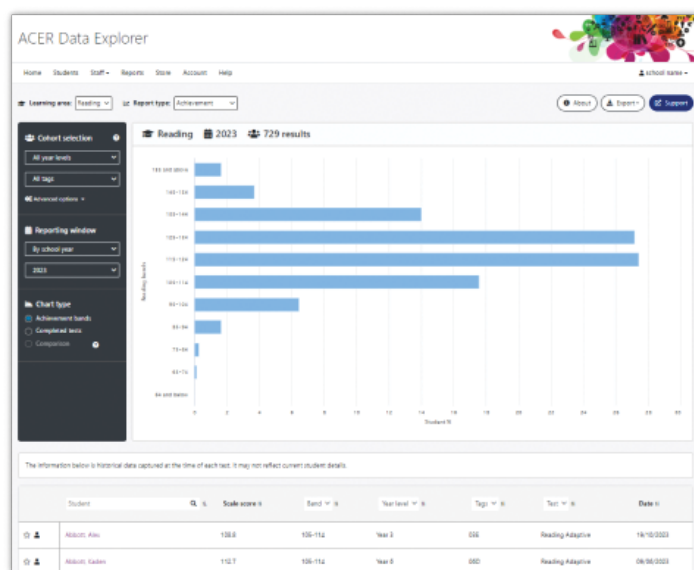
Informed by extensive research

PAIS is based on international assessment frameworks that ACER has developed the last 15 years. The PAIS framework draws on content and skills taught across curricula from several countries and in international schools, and is not specific to a national curriculum. This international focus ensures that the tests are culturally and educationally appropriate for students in a range of different countries. Additionally, through ACER's research programs, all PAIS test content has been trialled in international schools.

Adaptive reporting – The ACER Data Explorer

Adaptive testing creates personalised test pathways tailored to the individual, meaning more accurate data. The ACER Data Explorer is a powerful new way to instantly explore these results. The dynamic and intuitive interface enables you to sort and filter data easily, and switch instantly between report formats with a single click.

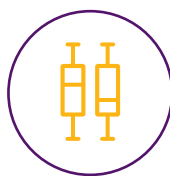
The ACER Data Explorer is only available for PAIS Adaptive assessments.



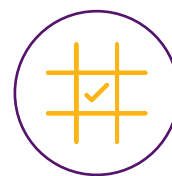
Powered by ACER's Progressive Achievement Approach

Fixed level reporting

PAIS fixed level assessments provide 5 reports on student performance to help teachers and schools better understand where their students are positioned on the learning continuum.



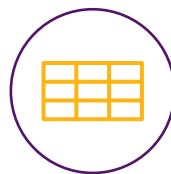
Benchmark report



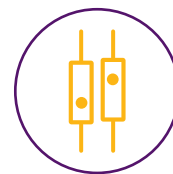
Group report



Bands report



Strand report



Individual report

Free webinar support

Our team provides regular webinar tutorials to support you in administering the assessment and utilising your results.

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