

RESIDENT EDUCATORS – LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESIDENT EDUCATOR SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

What is the Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA)?

The RESA is a performance-based assessment that an Ohio beginning teacher, known as a resident educator, must successfully pass. RESA calls for resident educators to demonstrate their ability to design and implement instruction that: engages students in complex thinking; and uses formative and summative assessments to inform their teaching practices.



Teachers today begin their careers with four-year resident educator licenses that are non-renewable. During this time, they must complete all four years of the Ohio Resident Educator program and successfully pass the RESA to qualify for a five-year professional license.

How can I prepare for RESA?

Each year of the Resident Educator Program is designed to prepare you for the RESA. Reflecting on the tools and processes employed in year 1 and 2 can help you draw on your experiences, and assess your growth and understanding of teaching and

learning. Specific documents posted at education.ohio.gov from Year 2 and Year 3 will be particularly helpful to review: the Year 2 Formative Progress Review and the following Year 3 Resources: Areas of Focus, Self-Assessment, Self-Assessment Summary and Instructional Guide. Also review the Overview of Tasks and Submissions posted on the department's RESA Web page. A district facilitator will be assigned to help prepare and support you throughout the year.

Who determines when I take the RESA?

Employers (districts/schools) make this decision. The Ohio Resident Educator program is designed with the expectation that resident educators will take the summative assessment in year 3 of the program. In a handful of situations, there may be extenuating circumstances in which employers may decide that a resident educator should prepare for and take the RESA in year 4. For further guidance, see the Planning and Implementation Guide for Years 3 and 4 of the program.

How will I receive further information?

As a professional educator who will take RESA, you must ensure that your email address within [SAFE](#) is current. Teachscape, which is a department vendor for RESA, will contact you through the email address in your SAFE account with instructions on setting up an



account to begin RESA. To verify your email address, please access your [SAFE](#) account and click on the “change email” link at top to view this address. Or, you may click on CORE and My Educator Profile to review and modify contact information.

How will I receive my RESA handbook?

You will have access to the handbook electronically on the Teachscape platform in time to begin your first task in November.

Who will support me throughout the RESA process??

A facilitator, who will be assigned to you by your employer, will support and guide you through the RESA. To learn more about the facilitator’s role, see the Facilitation at a Glance document posted on the RESA Web page.

What technology do I need to participate in RESA?

You will need access to a computer, scanner, videotaping equipment (e.g. video camera or iPhone), and Internet broadband. To learn more about the technology requirements, click [here](#).

Do I need video authorization forms to record my students?

Yes, you will need parental permission to have any students shown in video recordings taken for RESA. If your building does not already have permission forms for such video recordings, see the sample form posted on the RESA Web page.

How and when will my RESA submissions be scored?

Trained assessors will score your tasks using rubrics that are aligned to the Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession. Candidates will receive score reports by the end of August for the prior school year. This allows candidates and their employers time to register to re-take any deficient portions of the RESA beginning again in November.

How will my RESA results be used?

The RESA results, along with acknowledgement of your completion of the four-year Resident Educator Program, are necessary for attaining your five-year professional educator license. Program coordinators will be sharing more information about these steps when these milestones are met.

To learn more:

- Visit education.ohio.gov and search for: RESA;
- Contact your facilitator;
- Contact your program coordinator.