

# JogNog Releases New Features to Combat ‘Teaching to the Test’ for New Online State Testing

## Now students can practice test-taking skills that help them ace the new online state test formats

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G7 Research, the maker of the digital learning system JogNog, has released new features that help students learn how to take the new complex online state tests.

In the past few years many states have moved their annual assessments of student performance from paper to computer. With little evidence that this would make the testing process easier for teacher or students or result in better assessments, large amounts of funding have poured into moving simple paper-based multiple choice question tests onto computers.

This has resulted in lucrative contracts for the test delivery companies and requirements for school systems to purchase computers. To justify the need for digital technology the test makers invented new question types that could not easily be performed on paper (such as drag-and-drop).

The result of these new question types, such as fill in the blank embedded in question and drag-and-drop, has resulted in confusion for students. They no longer see the simple format of a question followed by multiple possible answers. Instead the student must now spend some of their limited study time learning the new test format rather than gaining valuable knowledge about the subject material of science, math, history or reading/writing.

Teachers must now truly ‘teach to the test format’ and make sure that their students understand how to take the test not just know the right answers.

Unfortunately the new complex testing formats are, and will be, a reality of the current state testing practices. Because of this, there is now a great need by teachers to help students become comfortable and competent with the new online tests in a low-stress way that minimally disrupts class time.

JogNog provides this solution with a team-based competitive learning game that students love. And with

the new question types, students automatically become comfortable with the format of the state online tests without their teacher having to carve out specific classroom time to teach the test format.

These new question types from JogNog cover the formats of nearly all of the questions that the students will see on their state exams. The new question types include drag and drop ordering, free response short answer, and multiple correct answer.

In addition to these new question types, G7 Research LLC has streamlined and empowered its quiz and question creation tools. This allows teachers to customize quizzes specific to their classrooms.

Because JogNog is unique in having a library of existing quizzes and over 80,000 high-quality quiz questions and nearly ten years of data from student play, they know which questions are hard and which questions are easy and can present this information to the teacher. The teacher can then match the quiz difficulty to the abilities of the student.

Stephen Smith, CEO of G7 Research summed it up: “It is unfair to ask students to both learn new types of testing as well as the educational material. With our new release of JogNog, students will learn both the educational concepts and tactical skills to take and excel at the state tests.”

### About JogNog

JogNog is an easy way for teachers to review the standards and topics that their students need to know for their state assessments. When used regularly, JogNog has been shown to have significant positive impact on state test scores. JogNog is available on the web for Google Classroom and Microsoft Office 365 and Microsoft Teams users. For more information about JogNog, visit [www.JogNog.com](http://www.JogNog.com).

