

Title: The Kaplan Learning System Powered by Aztec

Overview

Resource Type	Subjects	NRS Level(s)
Online	RLA, Math, Science, Social Studies	5-6

Summary

General Information

The Kaplan Learning System Powered by Aztec provides students with instruction and practice for the GED®. It includes instruction, assessments, and practice tests for all areas covered by the GED®, including reasoning with language arts, mathematical reasoning, science, and social studies. Aztec promises that their GED® Prep Series content is continuously updated with each test revision to reflect content rigor.

Aztec's GED® Prep Series provides diagnostics, instruction, and practice opportunities customized to meet learners' varied needs. Lessons require learners to use academic skills along with critical thinking to solve problems.

Technology Requirements

Aztec's GED® Prep Series works with any modern, updated browser that supports HTML-5, including Chrome, Firefox, and Safari. The online system can be accessed on any desktop, laptop, tablet, or phone.

Mobile Accessibility

There are some concerns regarding the mobile accessibility of Aztec's GED® Prep Series. It does not have an app available for download. The platform will work using the URL in a browser, but students must do a lot more scrolling than they would when accessing their lessons on a larger device.

Logistics

A teacher or administrator can create/edit student accounts, and they can add/group them into classes based on level or focus. Also, teachers/admins can make changes to the individual student's pathway. If students leave a program, they can return to the specific learning step in which they left off and go back to remediate as they like.

Reports

All Aztec products have a full suite of tools available to provide insight and drive data-based decisions. All products, including the GED® Prep Series, are placed into Aztec's LMS, which provides minute-by-minute tracking of student progress in each academic area and on individual sub-skills on multiple levels and includes remediation plans that guide instruction and accountability. The reporting functionality of Aztec's administration and management system allows for data collection of student progress and evidence of student growth measured. Time on task reports are available and customizable by date range.

Instruction

Aztec's GED® Prep Series curriculum was designed to correlate with College and Career Readiness Standards, and it has contextualized, engaging instruction. The instruction was designed to help students prepare for the GED®.

Material is presented in units and within those are lessons. Its lessons follow a traditional instructional design model. Students take a pre-test and are assigned to lessons based on their results. They can complete their assigned activities or work through all lessons. The lessons deliver instruction via presentations that students can read themselves, or they can utilize a screen reader. Some modules also have videos led by real instructors. Within the lessons, are skills checks that provide students immediate feedback and step-by-step explanations. Once students complete the lessons, they are offered practice ("drill") opportunities. Each unit ends with a post-test.

Aztec's GED® Prep Series contains questions that closely resemble the ones students will see when taking the GED exam (e.g., multiple-choice, short answer, drop-n-drag, completion, true/false, matching).

Student Interface

Students can access work through their learning plan independently, see which lessons have been completed, and they tell if the content has been mastered. Also, if a teacher gives a student an extra assignment, they can easily see and access those, and they can tell whether they are overdue. Students can take notes and use a built-in calculator for the math lessons.

Navigating the site is not difficult but will likely require some training for most adult learners. Students can click through lessons and skills checks. When this happens, lessons will still get marked complete, and students will be able to progress. Basic technology support is available (password retrieval, ability to report errors, etc.).

Teacher Interface

Teachers can assign and view student goals and see progress and performance. They can also view assignments in all lesson plans and modify them as necessary. When viewing students' learning plans, teachers can see whether an assignment is not started, in progress, assigned for review, or completed. Teachers can also see students' test results, their responses (right or wrong), and the correct answers. Additionally, teachers can communicate directly with students and provide live, ongoing support, tutorial services, and remediation through Aztec's platform. Educators can also masquerade as the student and have a real-time, live view to see him or her working in the system.

Accessibility Features

Online platforms may include different accessibility features to aid learners. The publisher has provided a [Voluntary Product Accessibility Template](#) to help you review the features offered. Information that may help you understand the VPAT is available in our [informational document](#).

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