

Switched-On Schoolhouse® 2021

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SOS Placement Tests correspond to SOS courses for grades 3-12 in language arts, math, science, history and geography, and Bible. The math and language arts tests emphasize important academic skills while the tests in the other subject areas provide a way to assess the student's knowledge base and familiarity with the concepts presented in the curriculum's scope and sequence.



Tip: A good idea is to start your student in a math or language arts test because these two disciplines may provide the best academic results for your student's level.

Placement testing begins at the 300 (grade 3) level. The student should expect to take several quizzes/tests until he or she finds it too difficult to progress further. If you want your student to start testing at a higher level than 300, you must remove those lower-level tests.

This section explains:

- How to remove lower levels of placement tests. See "[Remove lower-level placement tests before student testing](#)" below.
- How students take placement tests. See "[How your student works on Placement Tests](#)" on page 54.
- How to view and interpret results to assign grades to students. See "[View test results and interpret student scores](#)" on page 56.

Before you begin

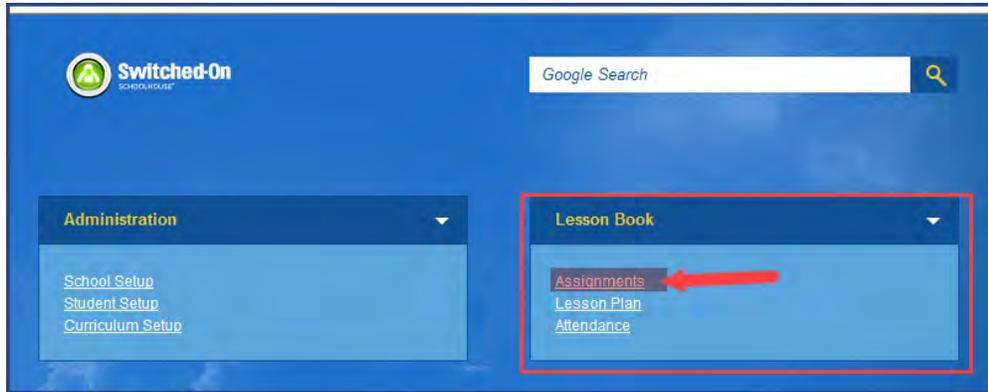
Before your students begin taking SOS placement tests, make sure you have done the following steps:

1. Installed SOS for the first time. See "[SOS - Quick Start Guide 2021](#)"
2. Installed placement tests from the **Curriculum** folder on the SOS USB flash drive device and assigned to your student(s). See "[SOS - Quick Start Guide 2021](#)"

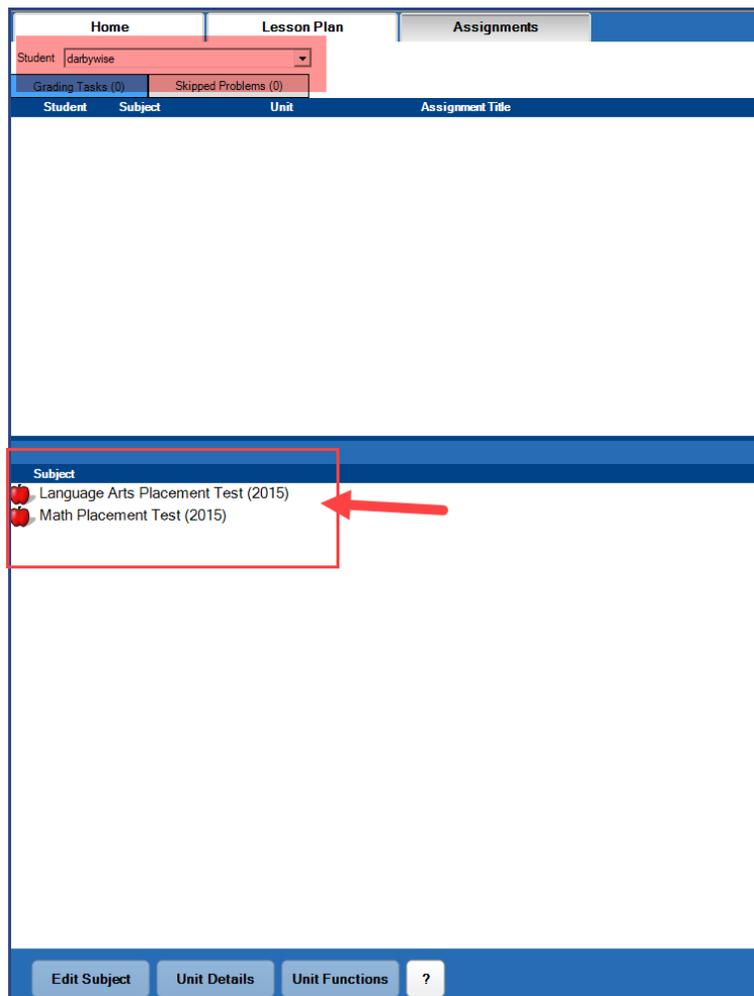
Remove lower-level placement tests before student testing

Because placement tests start at the 300 level, if desired, you can remove lower levels before your student(s) start working the quizzes/tests. Typically, you want to start testing two levels below where you think your student may fit. For example, your student should be in the 7th grade. You would start testing at Level 5, two levels below their grade.

1. Click the **SOS Teacher** icon to open the SOS Teacher application.
2. Enter your password.
3. In the **Lesson Book** widget, click **Assignments**.



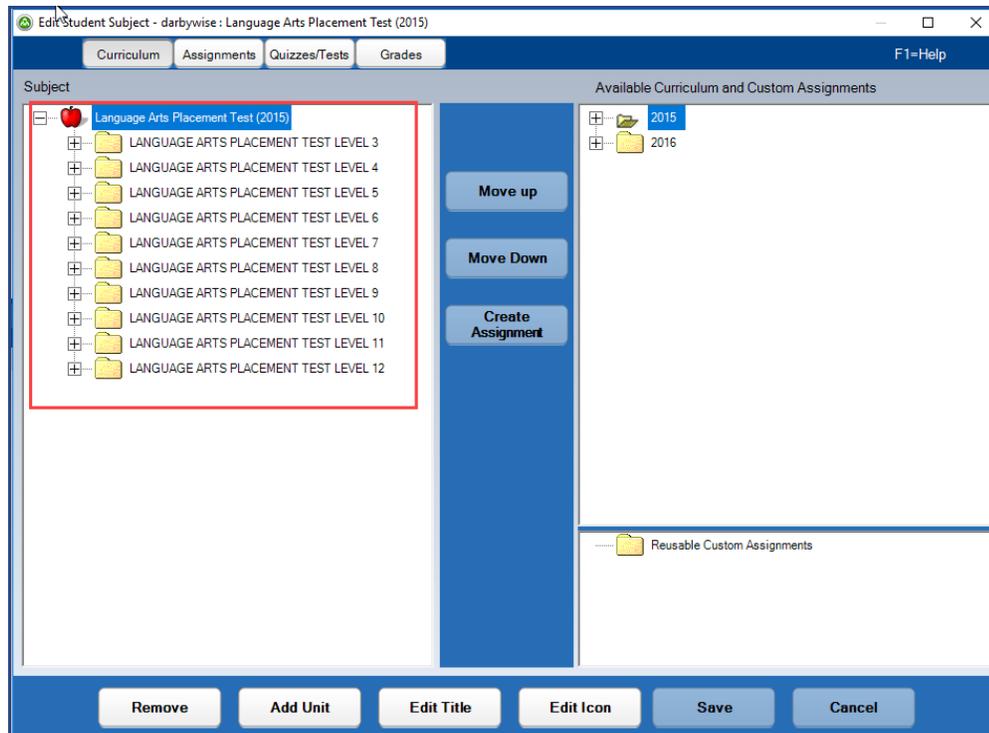
4. From the **Student** list, select a student name.
5. In the lower portion of the screen, under **Subject**, you see the Placement Tests you assigned to the student during setup.



6. Select the Placement Test that you want to remove levels for, and then click the **Edit Subject** button.
The **Edit Student Subject** window appears with all test levels for the subject as shown in the example below.



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7. Each folder in the Placement Test subject represents a level. For example, if I thought my student should be at the 7th grade level, I would start testing at Level 5. To skip Levels 3 and 4:
 - a. Select Level 3, click **Remove**. Click **Yes** to confirm.
 - b. Select Level 4, click **Remove**. Click **Yes** to confirm.



Tip: If you accidentally remove a level, just click **Cancel**. Do NOT click **Save** first.

- c. When finished removing levels, now click the **Save** button.
8. Click the **Close** button on the **Edit Student Subject** window. You are returned to the **Assignments** page. Now the **Subject** area shows the student will start testing at Level 5.



Student | darbywise

Grading Tasks (0) Skipped Problems (0)

Student	Subject	Unit	Assign
Subject			
	Language Arts Placement Test (2015)		
	LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 5		
	LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 6		
	LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 7		
	LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 8		
	LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 9		
	LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 10		
	LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 11		
	LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 12		
	Math Placement Test (2015)		

9. To remove levels from another placement test, select it and follow the steps again. To remove levels for another student, select the student from the **Student** list, and follow the steps to remove levels.
10. When finished, click **Exit** to close SOS Teacher and have your student(s) log into SOS Student and start testing.

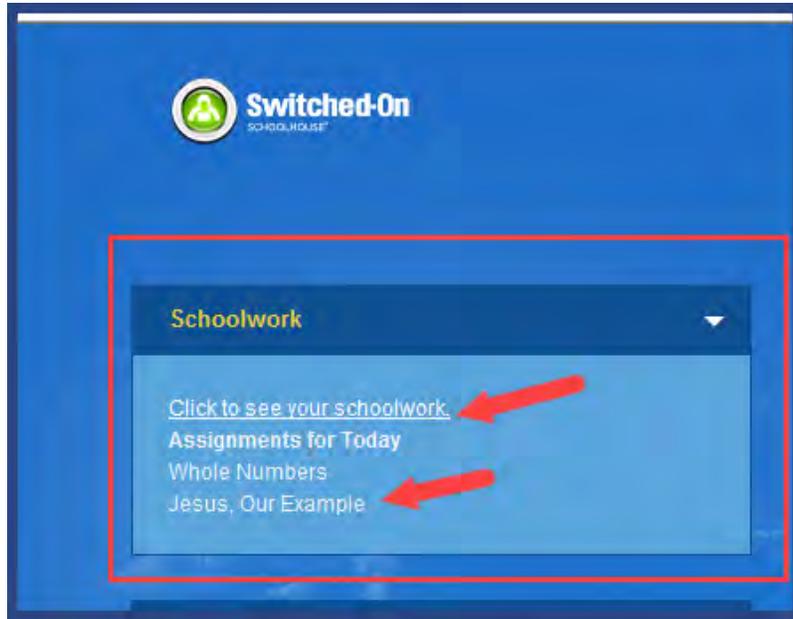
How your student works on Placement Tests

Now that you have set up Placement Tests, your student(s) can begin testing. Typically, you want your student to keep taking tests in the various levels until the student finds the questions too difficult to complete.

1. Student clicks the **SOS Student** icon to open the SOS Student application.
2. Student enters the username you set up for them during installation.
3. In the **Schoolwork** widget, the student clicks an assignment title or clicks the **Click to see your schoolwork** link.



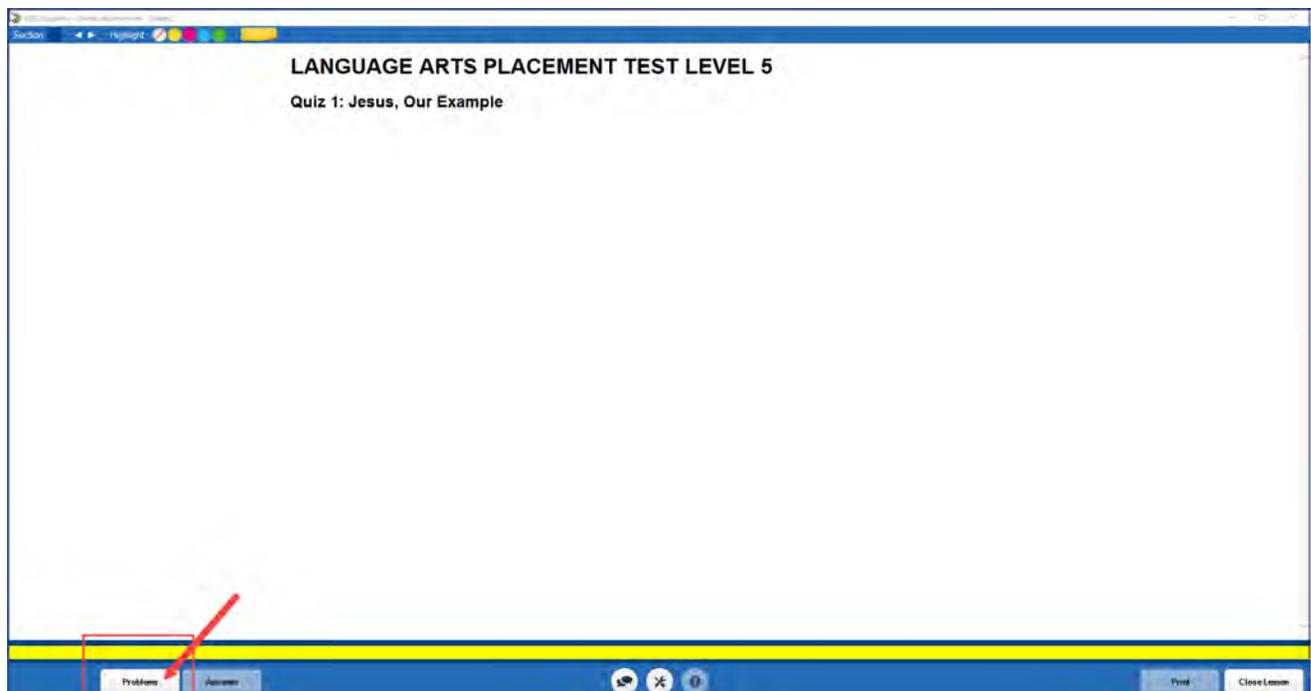
How your student works on Placement Tests



If the student clicked the link, double-click a test to open it. Student clicks **Yes** to confirm he/she is ready to begin the test.

SOS Student - [Schoolwork - Darby]		
Home	Lesson Plan	Assignments
Today's Schoolwork – Double-Click Assignment to Open		
Subject	Unit	Assignment Title
Math Placement Test (2015)	MATH PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL	Whole Numbers
Language Arts Placement T	LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT T	Jesus, Our Example

4. Student clicks the **Problems** button to display the test problems.





5. Student answers the first problem, and then clicks the **Grade** button. A message appears stating that the problem has been submitted for grading.
6. Student clicks **Continue** or the next problem number to proceed.
7. Student answers each problem, clicking the **Grade** button after each answer.
8. When finished answering all problems, the student clicks **Close Lesson**. Confirms the assignment is done.
9. A message appears stating their resulting score. Clicks **Ok** to close.
10. Student continues taking placement tests. When finished, clicks **Logout** to close the SOS Student application.

View test results and interpret student scores

Once your student has completed taking the assigned placement tests, you need to view the test results and interpret the scores to decide the grade-level placement.

View test results

1. Click the **SOS Teacher** icon to open the SOS Teacher application.
2. Enter your password.
3. In the **Lesson Book** widget, click **Assignments**.
4. Select the student from the **Student** list.
5. Find the subject being evaluated in the bottom left section of the screen. There is a composite score next to the subject.
6. Click the subject name to show the test scores of all the grade levels making up this subject's score.
7. Click the placement test level to populate the bottom right portion of the screen with the scores of individual quizzes within a certain grade level.

Subject	Term	Assignment Title	Type	Score
Language Arts Placement Test (2015)	2018-2019	Jesus, Our Example	Quiz	B:86%
LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 5		Working with Information	Quiz	B:88%
LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 6		The Story of our Language	Quiz	B:88%
LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 7		Effective Communication	Quiz	B:88%
LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 8		Reading and Writing Stories	Quiz	B:88%
LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 9		Poetry	Quiz	B:88%
LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 10		Reading Comprehension	Quiz	B:88%
LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 11		Working with Words	Quiz	B:88%
LANGUAGE ARTS PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL 12		Reading and Study Skills	Quiz	B:88%

8. Record the composite grade level scores for further reference.



Interpret student test scores

The placement tests reflect the content of the SOS program, and give some indication of the student's knowledge of a particular grade level or subject. Hard and fast rules for placement are difficult to determine; some general principles can offer guidance for placement.



Note: A composite score in the 70's or above for a given grade level indicates the student is ready for the next higher grade level.

A conversation with the student concerning their feeling of competence in the particular grade level in question helps shape decisions concerning placement.

Elementary students should be placed by the parent, as they are able to assess the maturity level and knowledge base of the student.



Tip: When talking with your student, ask leading questions to help guide the conversation. This technique can yield useful information for placement, especially with younger students. Questions such as, "What did you have trouble with?" or, "Did you have any trouble with the reading?" can provide much needed information concerning the readiness of the student for a particular grade level.