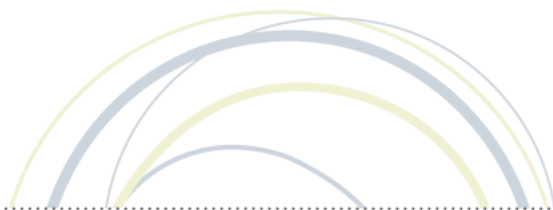




# ISTE SEAL OF ALIGNMENT REVIEW FINDINGS REPORT

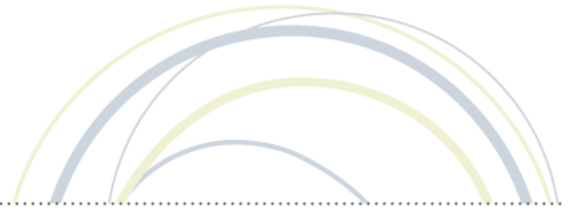
*Testing Program Academy*

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## ABOUT

### **ABOUT ISTE**

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) is the premier nonprofit membership organization serving educators and education leaders. ISTE is committed to empowering connected learners in a connected world and serves more than 100,000 education stakeholders throughout the world.

As the creator and steward of the definitive education technology standards, our mission is to empower learners to flourish in a connected world by cultivating a passionate professional learning community, linking educators and partners, leveraging knowledge and expertise, advocating for strategic policies, and continually improving learning and teaching.

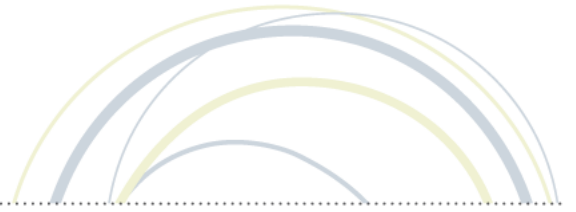
### **ISTE SEAL OF ALIGNMENT**

Resources and products designed with the ISTE Standards in mind are choosing to demonstrate their commitment to support critical digital age learning skills and knowledge. Regardless of a solution's intended grade level, purpose or content area, by addressing the ISTE Standards and earning a Seal of Alignment, a solution is shown to consciously, purposefully and meaningfully support best practices for digital age teaching and learning.

ISTE considers a solution aligned to the ISTE Standards only after an extensive review conducted by trained ISTE Seal of Alignment reviewers, and it has been determined to meet all critical elements of a particular standard indicator in accordance with specific review criteria.

By earning a Seal of Alignment, ISTE verifies that this product:

- Promotes critical technology skills
- Supports the use of technology in appropriate ways
- Contributes to the pedagogically robust use of technology for teaching and learning
- Aligns to the ISTE Standards in specific ways as described in the review finding report



## RESOURCE DESCRIPTION

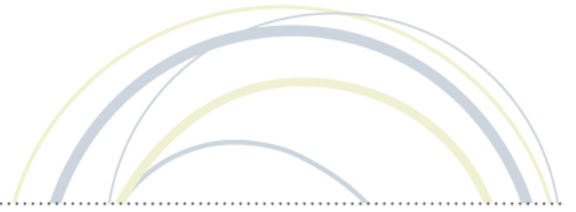
### **WHAT IS TESTING PROGRAM ACADEMY?**

Testing Program Academy, developed by Consultores en Tecnología Educativa, S.C, is a teaching and assessment tool that evaluates the development and demonstration of skills related to the use of Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Cloud suite solutions. Testing Program introduces the user to discrete skills through the presentation of short screen capture movies and simulated walk-throughs. There are also a large variety of practice sessions available to students with real-time feedback. Student users then can complete three-levels of assessment – diagnostic, formative, and summative –where they are evaluated on their ability to demonstrate various skills and complete specific tasks within the target program (PowerPoint, Word, Excel, Dreamweaver, Flash, or Photoshop).

### **HOW IS TESTING PROGRAM ACADEMY IMPLEMENTED?**

Testing Program Academy allows educators working within the program to assign specific skills and assessments to individual or groups of students. Student users are provided with immediate feedback throughout the different simulated scenarios built into the various learning modules and at the conclusion of the summative assessments. It provides helpful guidance with each click and through both practical & evaluative components, which allow student users to practice their newly learned skills in real time in which they receive immediate feedback. There are a series of checklists to guide students in their self-reflection of skill mastery.

Educators working within the program can assign specific skills and assessments to individual or groups of students. Teachers are also able to generate individual and group reporting information such as which assessments a student has passed and details about any incorrect responses. Students can utilize this feedback and score reports in their overall self-reflective learning process. There are many opportunities to demonstrate learning through the different formative and summative assessments available.



## ISTE SEAL OF ALIGNMENT REVIEW

**Product:** Testing Program Academy

**Organization:** Consultores en Tecnología Educativa, S.C.

**Date of Award:** Sept 2019

### REVIEW METHODOLOGY

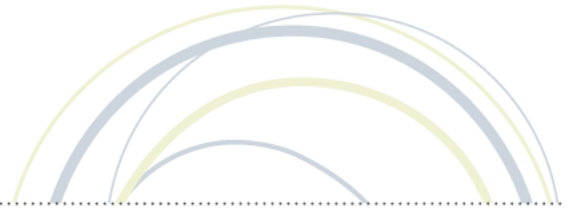
ISTE Seal of Alignment reviews are conducted by a panel of education and instructional experts. Reviewers use data collected both separately and collectively to determine how a solution addresses specific elements described in each of the indicators of the ISTE Standards. Special instruments are used by reviewers to collect data on potential alignment across all resource materials. Alignment is determined based on the extent to which all or some of specific elements are addressed within the materials. Reviewers conduct regular calibrations to assure the validity and reliability of the results and final review findings are combined for an overall score for alignment on each individual indicator.

During the review process for Testing Program Academy, reviewers:

- collected data on when and how each activity addressed specific skills and knowledge described in the ISTE Standards for Students at either a foundational or applied level
- compiled findings to determine overall alignment across all ISTE Student standards and indicators.
- used aggregate findings to form the basis of the overall alignment results.

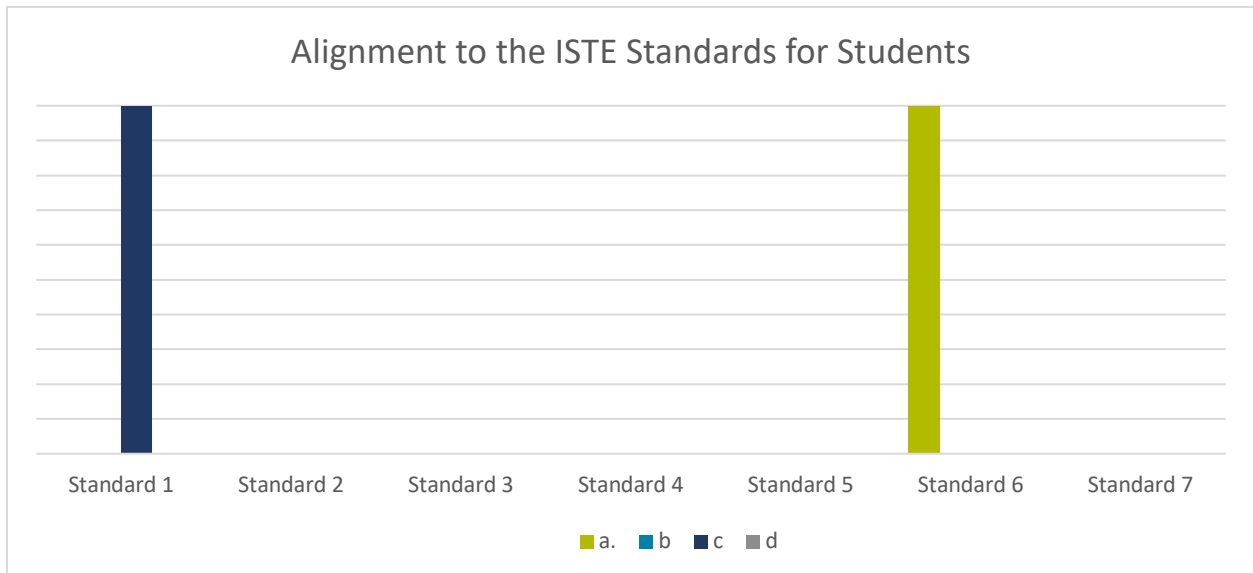
### SCOPE OF REVIEW

Testing Program Academy was reviewed for alignment against the ISTE Standards for Students. The following content was examined for this review: the Testing Program Academy website, English/Spanish PDF files, and software associated with the Testing Program Academy including MS Office and Adobe Creative Cloud.



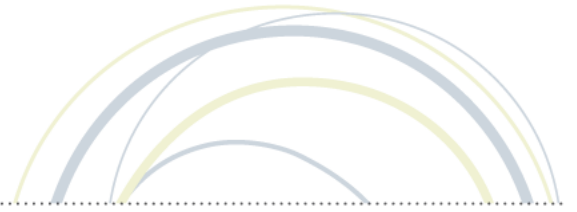
## REVIEW FINDINGS

Testing Program Academy was found to address the following standards and indicators of the ISTE Standards for Students:



Testing Program Academy addresses the ISTE Standards for Students in the following ways:

- Foundational - Resources and activities aligned at the *foundational* level primarily focus on skills and knowledge that facilitate skill acquisition to eventually meet ISTE Standard indicators.



ISTE Standard	Foundational Finding Statement
<b>1. Empowered Learner</b>	
1.c. Use technology to seek feedback that informs and improves their practice and to demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways.	Students are provided with immediate feedback based on different simulated skill-based assessments throughout their interaction with the Testing Program Academy learning modules. Students can complete diagnostic, partial and final exams and monitor their own progression through the completion of evaluative tasks.
<b>6. Creative Communicator</b>	
6.a. Choose the appropriate platforms and tools for meeting the desired objectives of their creation or communication.	Students learn all about the different Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Cloud suite solutions through a series of presentations, videos, and skill-based formative & summative assessments. They can select an appropriate tool based on their in-depth knowledge of each tool's capabilities and usage.

## CONCLUSION

Testing Program Academy is well organized, easy to navigate, and consistent in presentation. It is a high-quality, user-friendly product that effectively presents instruction in a wide variety of technology skills in several different programs followed by a reliable assessment of those skills. Through the different diagnostic assessments, simulated videos and immediate feedback provided, the program truly guides students step by step throughout their individual mastery of Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Cloud suite solutions.

As an assessment program, the Testing Program is very strong, with multiple levels of assessment of individual skills within a secure environment that appears to protect access to the questions and maintain reliability. The broad array of skills addressed and assessed constitute a solid core of competencies within each program and together these skills serve as a strong foundation for serious application of that program in lessons, projects, and other classroom activities.