



Aligning with state standards shouldn't derail the classroom.

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The interim assessment you choose now will impact your students, your teachers, and your district as a whole. The right choice should be a tool that includes quality content aligned with state standards, flexible delivery options, and meaningful results that allow teachers to quickly begin remediation.



Assess2Know® is your turnkey solution.

The Assess2Know item bank helps districts and schools create powerful, interim assessment programs that positively impact students in the classroom. With the flexibility of the item bank, you can create district-specific assessments based on your pacing guides for grades 2–11 in reading, mathematics, science, and social studies. Most important, Assess2Know can be administered and hand scored locally, or through any paper-to-web solution.

You decide what to test and when to test.

Riverside Publishing has always recognized the need for flexibility within the district to help you reach individual instructional goals. That is why the Assess2Know item bank allows you to create benchmarks that reflect your state's scope and sequence and align to your state standards.

You decide:

- The standards to be assessed on each test
- The number of items per standard
- The number of testing events

We deliver:

- The option to use local scoring or a paper-to-web solution
- High-quality items created specifically to match your state standards
- Results that can be used to improve teaching and learning

Assess2Know provides quality Riverside items tightly aligned to your state standards.



Every test item has passed a test of its own.

Assess2Know Item Development and Alignment

Assess2Know test items undergo a rigorous development process to ensure the highest level of quality. This means you can be sure that each test item is well researched, is clearly presented, is aligned to your state standards, and accurately assesses student knowledge of state standards.

Four steps ensure the highest level of quality

- Step 1:** Item development
- Step 2:** Item alignment
- Step 3:** Analysis of core standards coverage
- Step 4:** Gap filling and finalization

Step 1: Item development is the initial phase. Our staff of professional educators collaborates with experienced writers to develop reading passages and test items that measure specific standards.

Our developers and editors evaluate items to make sure students find them relevant, interesting, and engaging—never offensive, troubling, or distracting. To achieve this delicate balance, each item is analyzed for the following:

- Bias and sensitivity
- Representational fairness
- Language usage
- Stereotyping
- Controversial or emotionally charged subject matter
- Historical context

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All accepted materials must continue through a rigorous sequence of five separate reviews before making it into the item bank.

Each item written for Riverside assessments must possess certain characteristics. Each item

- Is clearly and simply written and is not a “trick question” that requires students to figure out a particular angle or hidden agenda on the part of the item writer;
- Is designed to be as accessible as possible for all students by having the vocabulary monitored for grade-level appropriateness ;
- Functions independently so that the answer to one item is not required as a condition for answering subsequent items;
- Does not provide information that may be used to answer other items;
- Requires students to read the passage in order to answer the question (for reading tests);
- Does not use “all of the above” or “none of the above” as answer options; and
- Presents answer options in a logical order (e.g., numerical, alphabetical, sequential) whenever possible and includes options that are parallel in structure and length.

The development process also includes an initial accept/reject decision. All accepted materials must continue through a rigorous sequence of five separate reviews before making it into the item bank.

Step 2: The next step is **item alignment**. Before any items are aligned, we thoroughly research your state standards, assessments, and requirements. A special development team, trained specifically for your state’s specific requirements, then begins aligning items. Each item is reviewed several times by test development specialists to ensure that it is tightly aligned to the standard—down to the most granular level of the standards hierarchy—before it qualifies for the item bank. To be considered a tight alignment, the item must match the intent of the standard and its cognitive requirement.

Step 3: The third step is an **analysis of core standards coverage** within the state curriculum. We reference state test blueprints and item specifications to identify the level within the standards hierarchy that is covered on the state assessment.

Step 4: The fourth step is **gap filling and finalization**. When our analysis shows inadequate coverage for a particular core standard, new development is undertaken to fill the gap(s) and to ensure that a variety of items are available for each measurable core standard. All newly developed items go through the same rigorous development, review, and alignment process as the original items.

Research is the key to high-quality items.

Riverside is constantly gathering item-level data through the reporting function of the *Edusoft Assessment Management System and DataDirector* to analyze the performance of items. After an adequate amount of data is collected, items that are not performing well will be replaced with new items.



DataDirector is ideally suited for *Assess2Know* content.



Create assessments designed to measure the intent of the standard so that teachers receive meaningful results.



Assess2Know empowers teachers and administrators to quickly begin remediation.

Benefits

The Riverside Publishing formative solution provides a districtwide view of student progress toward instructional objectives, allowing for targeted intervention, remediation, and enrichment.

- **Test what you teach.** Use the *Assess2Know* item bank to develop district assessments that follow your instructional objectives and help students master state standards.
- **Count on quality.** Riverside Publishing, with 89 years of assessment expertise, stands behind your test content and alignment, so you are assured that best practices were used in item development.
- **Monitor proficiency of standards.** Prepare for year-end assessments by using the item bank to create benchmark assessments, thereby familiarizing students with state standards and general testing procedures.
- **Deliver meaningful results.** *Assess2Know* provides meaningful results for your classroom teachers and administrators so that they can quickly begin remediation.

Create benchmarks that reflect your state's scope and sequence and are aligned to your state standards.

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