

Aligned to Common Core Standards



THE SCANTRON COMMON CORE ITEM BANK CONTAINS OVER 2,400 TEST ITEMS IN THE AREAS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) AND MATHEMATICS. CREATED BY AN IN-HOUSE TEAM OF TEST DEVELOPERS WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITHIN A SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREA (INCLUDING CLASSROOM TEACHING), THE COMMON CORE ITEM BANK ENABLES TEACHERS TO BUILD THEIR OWN ASSESSMENTS USING HIGH QUALITY CCSS ITEMS. FOR ALMOST FOUR DECADES, THE EDUCATION MARKET HAS TRUSTED SCANTRON TO DELIVER INNOVATIVE TESTING/ASSESSMENT AND DATA COLLECTION TECHNOLOGIES, BACKED BY PREMIER CUSTOMER SERVICE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT.

### **Comprehensive, State Standard Aligned Items**

The Scantron Common Core Item Bank was first released in 2011 to help teachers create tests and interim assessments that align to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The Common Core State Standards for grades K–12, released in June 2010, were developed by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). Scantron's content team developed each item in the Scantron Common Core Item Bank specifically to align to one of the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts (ELA) or Mathematics.

### **Rigorous Item Development Process**

Scantron maintains a team of experienced content experts who build and maintain the Scantron Common Core Item Bank. This team of experts draws from target item difficulty levels and curricular domains, along with a library of specifically targeted resources (nationally adopted textbooks, grade appropriate literature, etc.). Further, a variety of readability measures are used to calculate and verify the readability level of any passages aligned to items. Each item draft is then submitted to a team of independent editors for a peer review covering completeness, grammatical correctness, and grade-appropriateness.

Scantron's Item Editing Team consists of professional educators (credentialed teachers and university professors) from across the United States. This team carefully analyzes



question stem and response choice construction. The analysis includes areas such as the likely discrimination index for response choices, age-appropriateness, interest level, bias, sentence structure, vocabulary, clarity, and grammar and spelling.

Further, a different team of educational experts from a sample of national educational communities representing diverse cultural backgrounds conducts a bias review. Bias reviewers analyze how many passages and items have male or female main characters, and whether each character has an active or passive voice. In addition, the bias editors ensure passages and items contain ethnic or cultural diversity.

### Part of a Complete Assessment Solution

Scantron's assessment solution helps educators address the Common Core State Standards Initiative ([www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org)), meet accountability requirements, and raise the level of student achievement through a unique combination of standards-based formative assessment and computer-adaptive diagnostic testing. Scantron's solution combines a research-based, content-rich computer adaptive test known as Performance Series and a content-neutral, highly flexible testing product known as Achievement Series that educators use to develop and administer online and paper-based tests.

## Scantron Common Core Item Bank Item Counts

Mathematics		English Language Arts	
Grade or Topic	# of Items	Grade or Topic	# of Items
Kindergarten	40	Kindergarten	116
1	50	1	134
2	84	2	94
3	94	3	110
4	114	4	95
5	68	5	110
6	118	6	108
7	86	7	102
8	84	8	136
9-12	476	9-12	226
<b>Total Item Count by Content Area</b>	<b>1,214</b>		<b>1,231</b>
<b>Total Combined Item Count</b>	<b>2,445</b>		



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