

Achievement Series

National Item Bank

Aligned to State Standards

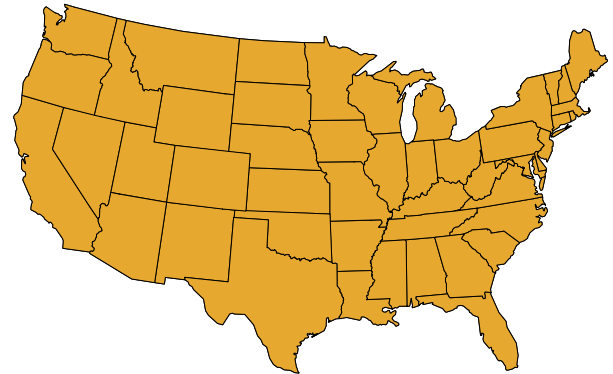


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THE SCANTRON ITEM BANK CONTAINS OVER 30,000 TEST ITEMS IN THE AREAS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, READING, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES. AN IN-HOUSE TEAM OF EXPERTS WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITHIN A SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREA (INCLUDING CLASSROOM TEACHING) DEVELOPED THE SCANTRON ITEM BANK. SCANTRON CONTINUALLY UPDATES AND OPTIMIZES THE ITEM BANK TO ENSURE INDUSTRY-LEADING ITEM BREADTH AND QUALITY. FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES, THE EDUCATION AND COMMERCIAL MARKETS HAVE TRUSTED SCANTRON TO DELIVER INNOVATIVE TESTING AND ASSESSMENT AND DATA COLLECTION TECHNOLOGIES, BACKED BY PREMIER CUSTOMER SERVICE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT.

Comprehensive Standards-Aligned Items

The Scantron Item Bank was first released in 2004 to help teachers create tests and interim assessments for their students that align to individual state standards. Scantron's content team analyzed each item in the Scantron Item Bank to align it to one of the specific learning objectives contained on the Scantron Skill List, a master list created from comprehensive research of state and national standards. The Scantron Skill List has been aligned to more than 40 state standard documents in the areas of English language arts, mathematics, reading, and science. Those state alignments are then applied to the Scantron Item Bank to provide standards-based reports.



Rigorous Item Development Process

Scantron maintains a team of experienced content experts who built and maintain the Scantron Item Bank. Target item difficulty levels and curricular domains are used by the team of experts, along with a library of specifically targeted resources (nationally adopted textbooks, grade appropriate literature, etc.). Items are subject to peer review for completeness, grammatical correctness, and grade appropriateness. As the Item Development Team develops initial items,

those items are submitted to a team of independent editors for review. The Editor Team consists of professional educators (credentialed teachers and university professors) from around the United States and Canada. This team is tasked with carefully analyzing the content of each item, along with examining response choice construction and general proofreading. This review includes areas such as age appropriateness, interest level, bias, sentence structure, vocabulary, clarity, and grammar/spelling.

A special team of educational experts from a sample of national educational communities representing diverse cultural backgrounds reviews and analyzes all item content. Bias editors analyze how many stories/questions have male or female main characters, and whether each character has an active or passive voice. In addition, the bias editors analyze which stories/questions contain ethnic or cultural diversity.

The Scantron Item Bank					
Grade	Mathematics	English Language Arts	Reading	Science	Social Studies
2	945	522	502	420	167
3	1,405	941	556	483	309 (Grade 3-5)
4	1,454	1,252	595	576	
5	1,263	777	576	607	
6	855	922	645	380	319 (Grade 6-8)
7	1,366	1,031	605	901	
8	1,580	888	665	833	
9	1,126	192	593	645	657 (Grade 9-12)
10	718	170	557	382	
11	566		273	211	
12	446		217	74	
Total Item Count by Content Area	11,724	6,695	5,784	5,512	1,452
Total Combined Item Count	31,167				

Part of a Complete Assessment Solution

SCANTRON'S ASSESSMENT SOLUTION HELPS EDUCATORS 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.



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