

## Skills Connection Online



AFTER THE TESTS ARE SCORED, SKILLS CONNECTION™ ONLINE HELPS EXTEND LEARNING FROM THE CLASSROOM AND THE LIBRARY TO HOME WITH EASY-TO-BUILD, TARGETED MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS.

By using content tied to specific and measurable objectives, many high performing districts find it easier to recognize and adjust instruction based upon individual and group performance. Scantron's nationally recognized assessment solution closes gaps in the learning cycle from assessment (recognition) to diagnosis (adjustment) to prescription (specific content). In one solution, each step is aligned to state standards and differentiated for targeted student improvement. Skills Connection Online brings teachers, parents and students together to advance student learning. Skills Connection Online is comprised of a diverse item bank, step-by-step study guides and templates that align to state standards in reading, language arts, math and science. The solution supports students in attaining the necessary skills that are critical for success on high-stakes state and standardized tests. More than just another teacher's aid, Skills Connection Online provides an easy alternative for meeting the Title 1 and Title 4 requirements for assessment, tracking and parental communication.

### Item bank

A team of credentialed teachers, each with significant classroom experience, developed the item bank database which contains more than 22,000 questions covering 1,198 skills in the areas of mathematics, language arts, reading and life science. Advanced training in item writing was required for all teams and was conducted by faculty from several universities.

### Aligned to State Standards

Select from multiple state templates that align Skills Connection Online's item bank to standards in the areas of math, language arts and life science. An "All Skills" template allows teachers access the entire item bank to target specific grade appropriate skills for assessment.

### Study Guides

Skills Connection Online contains 1,198 study guides with specific, comprehensive skill descriptions that function as step-by-step tutorials designed for parents who may want help in assisting their child at home. Teachers can produce a home study guide that communicates the classroom subject matter using easy to understand terminology and descriptions. Teachers can also add their own comments or assignments using the text editor.

## Location

- Access state-aligned material through the Instructional Resources button located alongside standards and objective statements in various reports
- General access available under Instructional Resources main menu tab available from all pages

## Benefit to Schools

Skills Connection is integrated with Performance Series and Achievement Series to provide materials directly aligned to progress goals, without another password for anyone to remember and no additional hardware required.

## Benefit to Teachers

Teachers can quickly and easily create homework, quizzes, and study guides that address the Suggested Learning Objectives from Performance Series or the standards embedded in any Achievement Series test. Letters or packets for parents can be prepared with more detail and minimal effort.

## Benefit to Parents

Many parents want help refreshing their knowledge so they can be better equipped to assist their children with learning. The tutorials make it easy for parents to stay involved and keep students “on track” throughout the school year. Skills Connection Online ensures that teachers, students and parents are all working on the same objectives, which is the only way to reach the goal of improved student learning.

**Skills Connection Online Item Bank**  
Instructional Resources

Subject	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Math	864	1,333	1,384	1,207	812	1,263	1,501	1,066	454	320	156	10,360
ELA	494	907	1,138	721	801	851	730	192	170	0	0	6,004
Science	221	284	354	286	129	525	488	122	0	0	0	2,409
Reading	270	363	353	375	410	410	429	390	373	228	213	3,814
Total	1,849	2,887	3,229	2,589	2,152	3,049	3,148	1,770	997	548	369	22,587

SCANTRON'S ASSESSMENT SOLUTION HELPS EDUCATORS MEET NCLB 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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