

Resource Guide for

District Assessment





Commitment to equity & opportunity for all learners

Education is a powerful force for equity and change in our world. It has the potential to deliver opportunities that improve lives and enable economic mobility, yet a cycle of systemic racism across our society is holding back much of our ethnically diverse population from realizing these benefits. In today's world, not everyone has an equal chance to use education to realize their potential and reach their dreams.

We recognize that, collectively, we need to actively change the system so that education can work the way it was meant to.

Our ambition is to help build a world where:

- Everyone has an equal and lifelong opportunity to succeed through learning
- Our educational products and services represent the rich diversity of learners
- Our educational content reflects an evolution toward anti-racism and social justice
- All our employees feel a sense of belonging, both within our company and their communities
- As a society, as a company, and as individuals we no longer need to remind anyone that Black lives matter



Learning is a lifelong journey

As an organization, one of our guiding principles is that learning is a lifelong journey. The Pearson experience enables us to deliver complex, large-scale assessments nationwide while maintaining the personal approach required to meet the unique needs of our partners.

Our goal is to work collaboratively with changemakers to build empowered learning communities — by placing learners and families at the center of our work. As the world's leading learning company, we stand strong in [our commitment to Equity in Learning](#), and we uphold this commitment by creating tools and solutions that promote equity and reflect the diversity of our learners.

Every student deserves a pathway to recognize and reach their full potential. We can provide the tools to add life into your students' journey, setting them up for a lifetime of success.

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Assessments Reimagined

Driven by a commitment to learning and innovation, we are working to build a brighter, more equitable future for all learners. Our journey toward ensuring all learners have the resources needed to realize and reach their full potential has led us to build and promote assessment systems that go beyond measuring learning to *empower* it!

Let's reimagine assessments — ones that start with the student.

Learn more at

[PearsonAssessments.com/Reimagine](https://www.pearsonassessments.com/reimagine)



Build your system

Our assessment solutions provide valid and reliable measures of student growth throughout the year with *in-between* granular or bite sized classroom assessments that more accurately inform instruction.

These assessments can be standards-driven or teacher-driven (allowing the educators to assign the standards). Our assessments are aligned to state standards and designed to provide information for more frequent instructional decisions for teachers as well as the data districts need to assign resources or interventions.

Actionable video reports can be sent in the students' home language to keep families up-to-speed on their learner's needs and progress!





Meet Navy

A student-friendly and technology-savvy formative assessment system that provides short, standard-by-standard assessments that are embedded in classroom practice and available on-demand.

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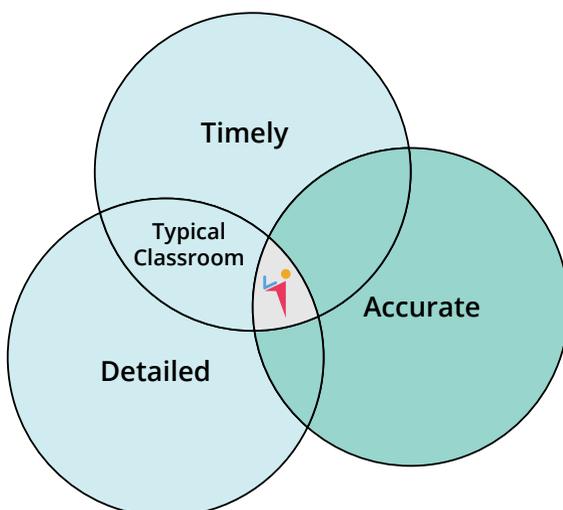
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Dynamic dashboards pinpoint specific learning in real time for each student

Navy empowers learning by accurately and specifically identifying what learning has taken place and where learners need more support. Navy deftly provides:

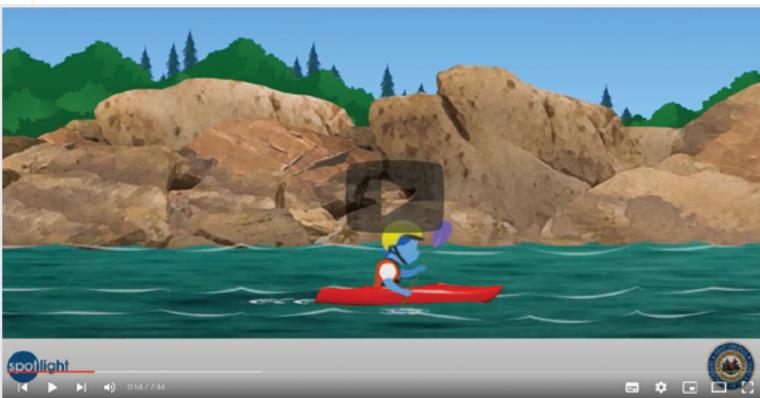
- **Standard-by-standard assessments** for teaching and learning. Feedback is detailed enough to be relevant to day-to-day instruction and classroom lessons.
- **Healthy student growth mindset.** For each standard, students have multiple opportunities to succeed without penalty for needing additional time or opportunities to learn.
- **Premade** assessments and **instant results** with **insightful reports** that identify student groups for differentiated instruction. Navy saves time and efficiently focuses instructional time on students' personalized needs.
- **Classroom-embedded** assessments available **on-demand.** Assess any combination of standards at any time to meet your timing and curriculum needs.
- **Feedback is up to date** with learning and instruction, unlike interim and end-of-year data that expires.
- **Rigor** from professional-quality assessments provided for the everyday classroom.





Spotlight tells the story behind the data

While more data is available to educators and administrators than ever before, it's rarely communicated with students, parents, and caregivers in a useful, actionable way. Spotlight transforms your district's data into personalized student stories in their home language, closing communication gaps between school and home.



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State Summative Results Video — “Metaphor” Style

Data is easily captured from assessments to learning management systems and everything in between. Leveraging the power of technology, our reports are tailored to each student, delivered via personalized videos and infographics, and can be translated into over 70 different languages.

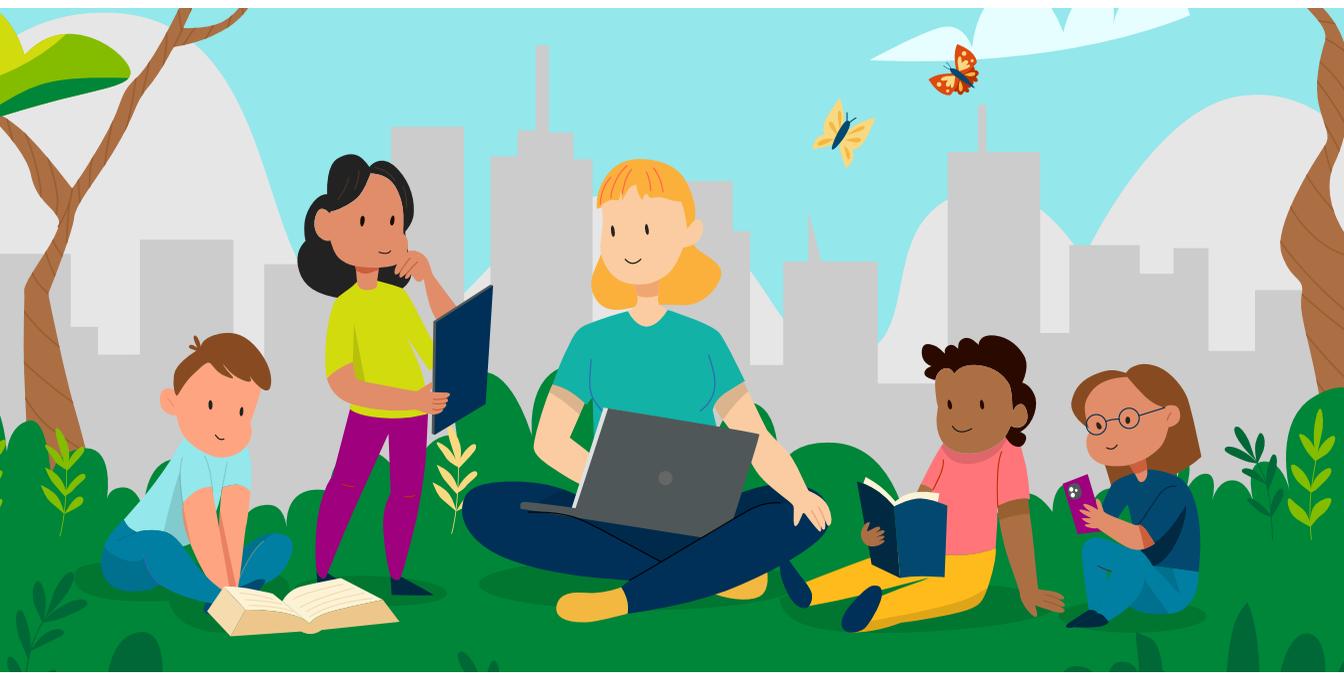


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Our capabilities include:

- **College and career readiness:** Reports are customized to each district's offerings, policies, and requirements. Each learner receives a roadmap showing their likely and potential path — and what it will take to get there.
- **College opportunity guide:** Plot a course to specific colleges, including a timeline of recommended action steps and college-by-college recommendations.
- **Video reporting:** Available for mobile delivery, our video reports reflect the learner's journey. Test results, grades, and financial aid awards are translated into personalized stories for students and families by interpreting scores, highlighting strengths and weaknesses, and providing resources for improvement.



Amplify your strategy

We partner with school districts to develop more efficient and effective advanced assessment support services. Honed over time to meet the exacting requirements of summative assessment programs, a wide variety of services is now available to you on an ad-hoc basis.

Psychometrics

Provides customized psychometric support to districts with unique expertise in the following areas:

- Linking district assessment with state assessments to predict learners' progress
- Item bank analysis as p values, point biserials, and reliability analysis
- Support on test design, test construction, field test analysis, scaling, and equating
- Advising services to help guide your district with assessment design and implementation
- Translation of raw data into easily understood performance standards

Assessment development

- Support teachers to easily pinpoint students' strengths and weaknesses by developing assessments that accurately assesses state standards.
- Redesign of all assessment materials for a consistent look and feel.

Performance scoring

- Leveraging a combination of human ingenuity and technology, our assessment scoring services allows teachers to teach. We take the burden of assessments scoring off the educator and reduce turnaround times. Our qualified human scorers and technology solutions are trained and aligned to provide accurate assessment evaluation.

Professional development

- From assessment literacy to in-depth educator workshops, our professional development services help educators fully understand the value of assessments, from designing and writing test content to interpreting data into actionable instructional changes.

Project management

- We offer hands-on support for district assessment programs.

Technology support

- Take stress off your staff by letting Pearson handle questions regarding device setup and maintenance, Internet connectivity and home Wi-Fi setup, application installation, and other general troubleshooting for technical issues.
- Make distance learning more equitable by providing applications previously reserved for lab use available on any device leveraging cloud computing technology.



Help shape the future of assessments!

At Pearson, we believe learning is a lifelong journey. Our goal is to provide educators and administrators with the necessary resources and tools to help set their students up for a lifetime of success!

We want to collaborate with you to help close educational gaps and accelerate learning. As a part of this collaboration, we invite you to be a part of our market research initiatives. Your voice is important to us and will help shape the future of assessments!



Together, we can build a brighter future for all learners!

Growth interim assessment early adopter program FAQs

1. What is Growth?

Growth is a new district-level interim assessment that will serve the following purposes:

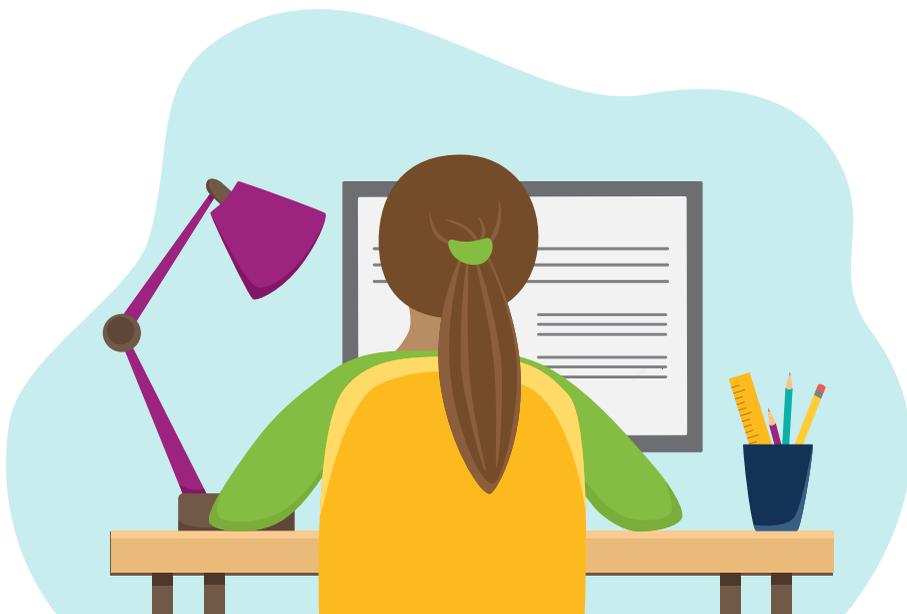
- Demonstrates student progress throughout the school year relative to the grade-level academic standards, as well as off grade-level standards
- Predicts how students will perform on the state assessment
- Provides instructional information about student strengths and areas of needed support.

2. What does Growth cover?

- For Back-to-School 2022, Growth covers reading and math standards for grades 3–8. We will field test K–2 and High School items.
- For Back-to-School 2023, Growth will cover reading and math standards for grades K–12 and we will field test science and social studies items.

3. What is the purpose of this program?

We need to conduct research using a representative sample of students to support claims that Growth is a valid and reliable assessment for meeting its purposes (see question #1).



4. How will our students' data be used? Will it be protected?

All the data from this pilot will be used to support the reporting claims for its intended uses and purposes.

Student data will be de-identified for the purpose of the research but demographic data such as social-economic status, race, ethnicity, gender, and special program status (504 and IEP) will be required.

Additional opportunities to provide feedback for product enhancements will also be provided (e.g., focus groups, surveys).

5. What types of reports will we get about student performance?

For grades 3–8:

- You will receive reports showing overall score, performance level and growth, as well as domain-level strengths and areas

of support. You will also receive item-level information about correctness, standard alignment, and difficulty.

- Individual student reports, class rosters, and aggregated reports for class, school, and district will be provided.

For grades K–2 and HS, no reports will be provided as the items need to be field tested.

6. This test is computer adaptive. What does that mean?

A computer-adaptive assessment “adapts” to how students are performing on the assessment. For instance, if a student answers an item correctly, the next item will be a little more difficult. If a student gets an item incorrect, the next item will be a little easier. Therefore, not all students will see the same items, but they will all be assessed to the same standards.

7. What standards is Growth aligned to?

Growth is aligned to the standards that you will be teaching in your classroom. All students will be assessed to grade-level standards. However, if students do very well or very poorly, the assessment will measure standards at a grade above or a grade below the students' current grade level, but most of the items will be at grade level.

8. What implementation support will be provided?

Pearson will provide support for the district and educators during every phase of the assessment cycle. Below are four specific areas that Pearson will support districts to ensure the product meets the needs of the districts.

a. Implementation

Pearson will work closely with key personnel to ensure the district integrates the technology seamlessly and will provide turn-key training on the Growth assessment components.

b. District Professional Development

Pearson will hold multiple webinars during the school year so users can get a better understanding of the Growth assessment and ask questions.

The topics will be developed in conjunction with the district, but could include the following:

1. Discussions about in-depth functions of the testing platform, creating testing sessions, and student rostering

2. A discussion on how items are developed, and the process items go through before they are administered to students
3. A presentation on the development of math and/or reading content
4. An in-depth discussion on student "growth" and student "growth patterns"
5. An analysis of the district/school/classroom student data

c. District Feedback

Pearson will update the district quarterly on the current roadmap and new features that will be available in the upcoming school year. This will also be the opportunity for school leaders to provide feedback on the current Growth assessment and features they would like to see added to the Growth roadmap.

Early adopters of the Growth assessment will have a significant impact on the Growth roadmap as these meetings will help Pearson calibrate the current work with feedback from districts to determine the path the assessment is on and what features need to be added and when.

d. Yearly Review

After the final Growth assessment is administered within the district, Pearson will ask for district personnel (i.e., teachers, supervisors, principals, etc.) to answer a few survey questions and participate in a focus group to provide specific feedback on the overall testing experience. This is a particularly important aspect of the process to

ensure that district implementation is successful and effective.

9. What platform will Growth be administered on?

ADAM. Most districts and schools already have the necessary network infrastructure for online testing with Pearson systems. To assist schools/districts prepare for testing, Pearson Field Service Engineers can be used to conduct infrastructure site visits to evaluate potential areas of improvement.

We work closely with third-party hardware and software vendors by testing beta versions of Chrome OS, iOS, Windows, and MacOS, and informing them of any issues we identify for high-stakes testing.

We add new versions of operating systems to our supported matrix as soon as we evaluate their compatibility with TestNav. We also remove old version of operating systems after the vendor has discontinued support and we have verified that our customers are not

commonly using that version. We work closely with our customers to provide advanced communication concerning support for new and discontinued hardware and software.

TestNav is tested against operating systems and devices and our official support matrix is made available. We encourage customers using multiplied and thin client/hosted workstations to work with their vendor to ensure they can successfully deliver the TestNav app under the vendor's specific conditions.

The following is the current list of supported operating systems for installable TestNav during the 2022–2023 school year.

- Chrome OS™ 91+
- iOS 13- 14.x
- Linux Ubuntu 18.04 (64-bit), Fedora 33 (64-bit)
- macOS® X: 10.14-11 (Intel Mac), Apple Silicon (ARM64)
- Windows®: 10 x64 - 20H2, 21H1



To ensure you meet the hardware and operating system requirements, please visit our **TestNav System Requirement** page.

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Interested in participating in the growth interim assessment pilot study?

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Empower student achievement with Smarthinking

Provide learners with the additional support they need, when they need it. Smarthinking provides on-demand, 24/7 support for learners in grades 3–12. Our goal is to help states and districts close achievement gaps and lay the foundation for students to experience a brighter, more equitable future.

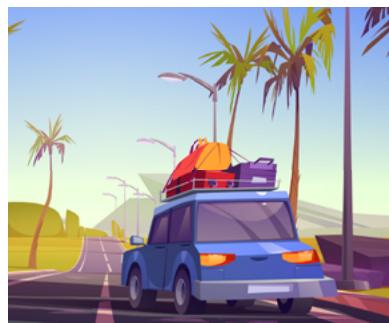
Solution support available:

Elementary School	Middle School	High School
Writing fundamentals	Writing fundamentals	On-demand 24/7 tutoring and writing support for core high school courses including math and writing fundamentals
Math fundamentals	Math fundamentals	Post-assessment remediation support
Post-assessment remediation support	Post-assessment remediation support	AP exam tutoring
		Tutoring for dual-enrollment learners
<i>Offered for 3G–6G and all sessions need to be pre-booked</i>		Tutoring for students preparing for the next grade level and/or certification and higher education programs

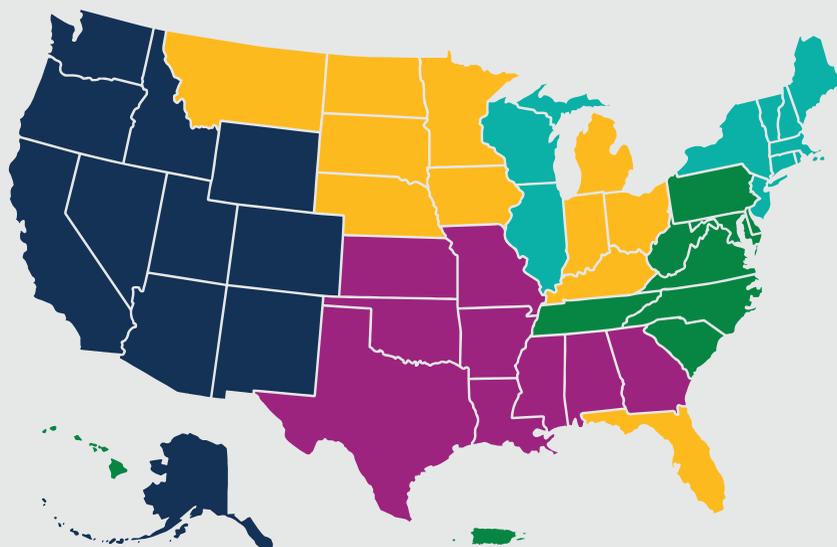
Empower your online tutoring program —

Smarthinking allows districts to license our platform to deliver online tutoring, mentoring, and instructional programs using your own staff.

End-to-end support — Districts can also unlock the full power of Smarthinking's platform and provide learners with the support needed from our network of thoroughly trained and screened tutors. Learn more about how we hire, screen, and train [our tutors here](#).



Ready to explore?



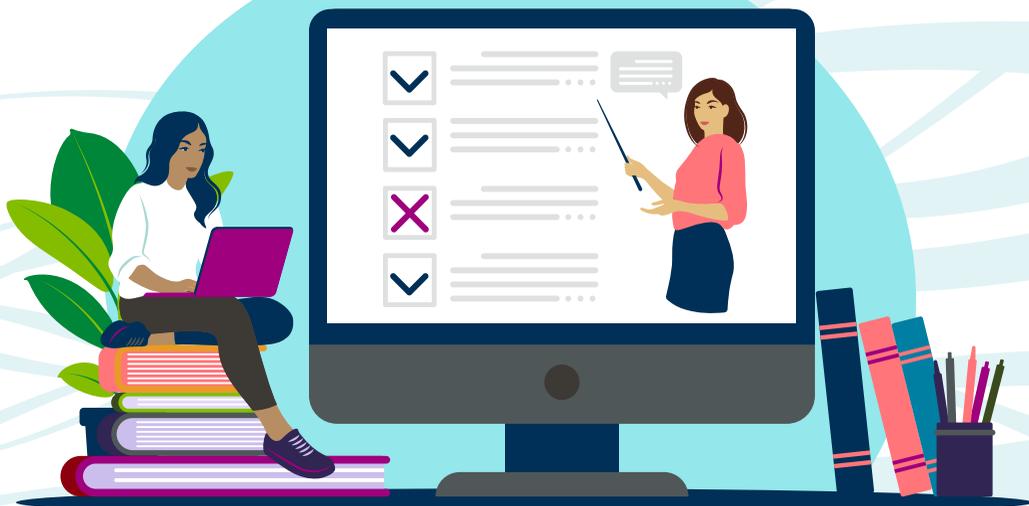
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How can we help you take the next step?

We're here to provide consultative support for the unique needs in your district.

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Funding resources

There are funds available to help you make tomorrow better, to help schools re-open safely, and support students' mental health and academic needs.

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