



Partners for Professional Development

Our Services

We partner with school districts to provide a wide range of services in support of the development and use of high-quality assessments. Our Professional Development workshops promote understanding of:

- the qualities of valid assessments
- processes for quality test authoring and construction

A Typical Workshop

Teachers collaborate with our assessment experts to answer questions common to Math, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies, including:

- Which tools are best suited to assessing student mastery of the established content standards?
- What are advantages and disadvantages of selected response, constructed response, and technology-enhanced item formats?
- Which assessment solution best meets teacher needs: teacher-written items, items custom developed by Total Assessment, or use of available item banks?
- What are best practices for constructing test forms?
- How can we design items that assess higher order thinking skills?
- How can constructive feedback by experienced developers improve the reliability of teacher-written assessments?

...and to answer questions specific to the content areas of Math, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies, including:

- How can the use of precise language in Math assessments aid student achievement?
- How can the use of engaging but accessible passages in English Language Arts assessments aid student achievement?
- How can the use of clear and accessible graphics in Science assessments aid student achievement?
- How can the use of a variety of rich primary sources in Social Studies assessments aid student achievement?

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