



# Assessment Services

Advancing district goals through quality assessments

Better tests. More learning.



# Create more meaningful assessments

Assessment Services from Measured Progress provide collaboration and expertise to help districts and schools improve current tests or build customized assessments.

## Improve your assessments

Many assessment systems are the result of evolution and expansion. Teacher teams and district staff members implement multiple assessments to meet different needs over time. But when you step back to reflect, you may find that your assessments no longer:

- Assess current standards
- Align to the curriculum scope and sequence
- Provide clear evidence of student understanding

Without accurate and informative assessments, staff members struggle to apply the resulting data to inform instruction, or to see the value of time spent on assessments.

That's where Assessment Services can help. Our assessment experts have worked with some of the largest districts in the country—and some of the smallest—to improve their assessment programs. **Our team is ready to work with you to support your district goals.**



“ In addition to the quality of the assessment content, my experience with Measured Progress is that they are an organization committed to client satisfaction and always seem to care about how we are utilizing the content to advance our educational mission.”

Mark Howard, Chief of Performance Accountability, Palm Beach County, FL

## Collaborate with experts

With extensive experience in K–12 education and assessment, our staff members extend your team’s capabilities. The Measured Progress Assessment Services staff hold advanced degrees and professional certifications across content-area and assessment fields to help you improve your assessments. They have served in a variety of classroom and district roles, and they bring that experience to help create solutions for your district.

As a WebbAlign® Depth of Knowledge partner, Measured Progress assessment specialists are certified to accurately determine an assessment’s level of rigor and complexity level. Our team works with yours to ensure that every item is aligned to your standards, every assessment is aligned to your purpose, and your assessment program supports your goals.



# Assessment Review Service



If you create your own assessments, do you know that they provide clear evidence of student learning? How do you validate their effectiveness?

An expert third party can bring fresh perspective and strengthen the quality and efficacy of your assessments. You gain greater confidence in the data and evidence you gather, knowing that tests are well-constructed and provide accurate, informative results to improve instruction.

Initiate an expert review of mathematics, English language arts, and/or science assessments to:

- Ensure effectiveness of overall test design and structure
- Strengthen alignment to standards
- Confirm quality of test questions and stimuli
- Check for accuracy of scoring materials



## Denver Public Schools

**Challenge:** Needed validation of new locally developed assessments

**Solution:** Reviewed 12 district assessments

- English language arts for grades 3–8
- Mathematics for grades 3–8

**Results:** Increased understanding of assessment design for curriculum leaders

- Gained feedback on specific elements to improve assessments
- Confirmed accuracy and quality before administration

## Expand local capabilities with expert review

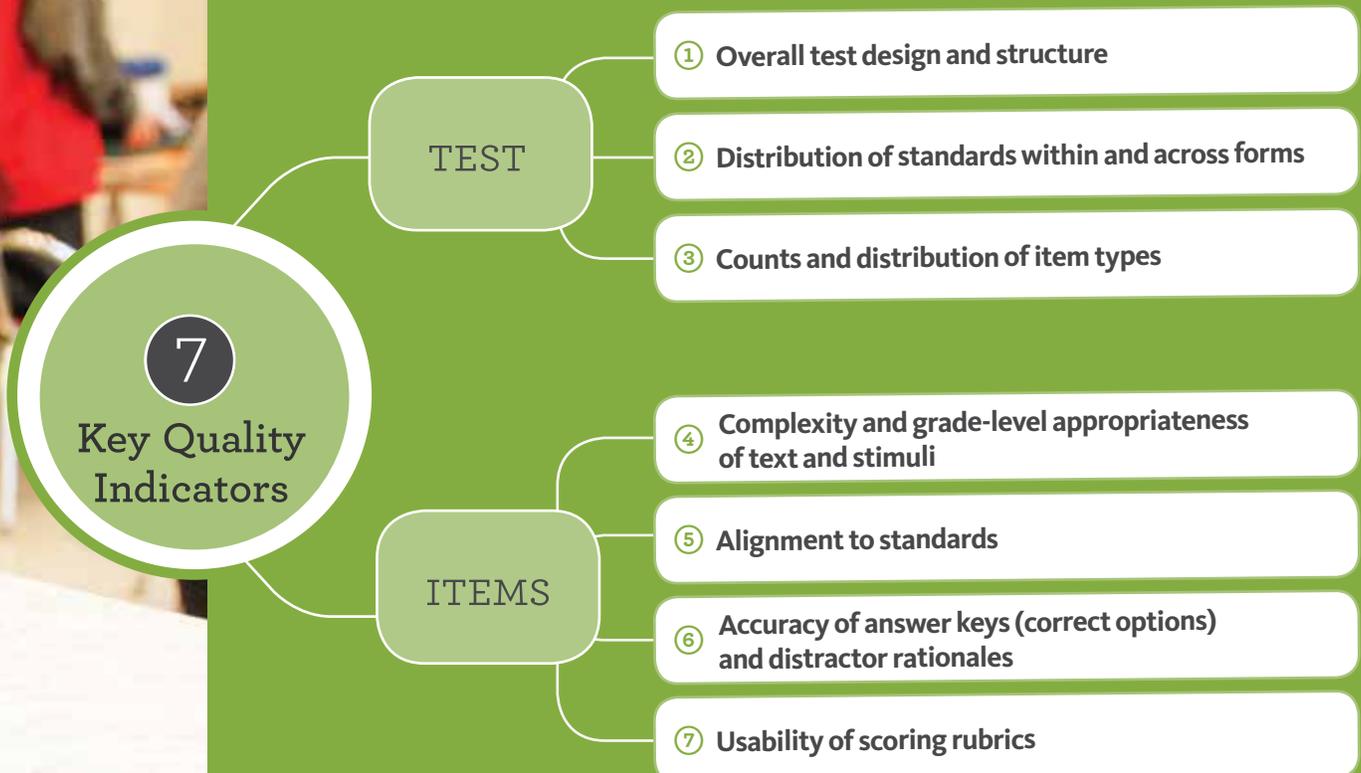
Have Measured Progress conduct a review of your assessments to extend the expertise of your local and district staff. You decide the scope—from individual tests to your whole assessment program—for grades K–12, in English language arts, mathematics, and science.

What's included with your assessment review:

- Criteria-based summary report with suggestions for improvement
- Detailed annotations of your test forms
- Live webinar presentation to go over findings in detail

## Validate the quality of your assessments

Our content experts will review your assessments—both holistically and item-by-item. Analysis of each assessment is based on 7 key quality indicators.



# Test Construction Service



Customized assessments built to your district's unique curriculum scope and sequence deliver meaningful results. They elicit the evidence required to demonstrate student understanding of targeted standards. Working with experts can help you get effective, efficient tests that measure what a student has been taught at milestone points throughout the year.

## Build customized assessments

Think of our Test Construction Service as an extension of your team. Here are some examples of how we can work together to meet your assessment goals.

- Build test blueprints and select items for benchmark tests aligned to your district's curriculum scope and sequence
- Design performance-based assessments that provide students with the opportunity to more authentically demonstrate learning of multi-dimensional standards
- Create customized pre- and post-tests for use as common district assessments
- Develop computer- and paper-based interim assessments to monitor student learning



## A collaborative process

You participate in the test-development process every step of the way. The Measured Progress Test Construction Service draws from the Measured Progress **Formative Content Bank** or your desired item bank. Our team proposes test forms based on your needs and specifications, so you have more time to focus on using the data gathered from assessments—rather than on building the assessments. We'll work with you in three phases.

### DESIGN



#### Review district specifications to create test blueprints

- Review test purpose
- Identify targeted standards
- Determine complexity level
- Select item types and counts
- Plan administration time
- Determine score points distribution

### BUILD



#### Build your assessments

- Pre-select passages/stimuli/items
- Review the selections with your team
- Confirm level of rigor
- Create and quality-check published forms

### DELIVER



#### Print-based delivery

Receive delivery of paper assessments as PDF files via an FTP site. You print your assessments locally.

#### Computer-based delivery

Get your custom tests built and delivered within your preferred environment. If you don't have an assessment delivery platform, we can recommend one. Shown below are some of the assessment and learning management platforms with which we interoperate.



### SPOTLIGHT

#### Los Angeles Unified School District

**Challenge:** Needed benchmark performance assessments for science, built to the California Next Generation Science Standards (CA-NGSS\*)

**Solution:** Created 12 benchmark performance assessments aligned to state assessment specifications and targeted performance expectations:

- Science assessments for grades 6–8; Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Teachers' guides to support adoption and usage

**Results:** Increased awareness and integration of the CA-NGSS into instruction

- Developed consistent review and scoring of student responses
- Prepared for new state science assessment



“ *The quality of the content, the company’s reputation as being a good partner to districts, and the staff’s understanding of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks really made Measured Progress stand out.*”

Michael Rubino, Formative Assessment Manager,  
Boston Public Schools, Office of Data and Accountability

## Why Measured Progress?

Our content experts have helped create and implement effective assessment programs for dozens of states; now we bring that level of expertise directly to districts. Measured Progress has been trusted for more than 30 years to deliver standards-aligned measurement that supports student learning.

Whatever your district’s current—or future—assessment needs, Measured Progress stands ready to help.

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It’s all about student learning.

**Start the conversation today.**

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