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Who is involved?



What is involved?



When does it occur?



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## TEST DESIGN & EXPECTATIONS

- GaDOE, Testing Vendor, Georgia Educators
- Following adoption of new content standards or other events that require a new or revised assessment
- Georgia educators review and revise drafts of achievement level descriptors (ALDs), test blueprints, and item specifications.

## ITEM REVIEW

- GaDOE, Testing Vendor, Georgia Educators
- Annually
- Georgia educators review test items to ensure that the questions are accessible and appropriate measures of the content standards for each grade level and content area.

## RANGEFINDING OF FIELD TESTED ITEMS

- GaDOE, Testing Vendor, Georgia Educators
- Annually
- Georgia educators review student responses and scoring guidelines for field-tested constructed-response items to establish the range of acceptable responses for each item.

## DATA REVIEW OF FIELD TESTED ITEMS

- GaDOE, Testing Vendor, Georgia Educators
- Annually
- Georgia educators review field tested items that were flagged for one or more statistical properties to ensure the items are valid and appropriate measures of the content standards for each grade level and content area.

## STANDARD SETTING

- GaDOE, Testing Vendor, Georgia Educators
- Following the first operational administration of a new or revised assessment
- Georgia educators review test content and student performance and provide recommendations regarding the cut scores for each achievement level.

## GEORGIA STUDENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Georgia Student Assessment Program includes formative and summative criterion-referenced assessments for students in kindergarten through high school. Most state assessments in Georgia are developed and customized by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE), in partnership with a test development vendor and Georgia educators. These custom assessments are aligned to Georgia's state content standards and expectations for student performance. While each of these assessments is unique in some ways, they all follow a similar test development process, as described in this infographic.

## ITEM DEVELOPMENT

- GaDOE, Testing Vendor
- Annually
- GaDOE and the testing vendor work together to set item development goals. The vendor drafts items aligned to Georgia's content standards based on the test blueprints and item specifications. GaDOE curriculum and assessment specialists review and revise initial drafts of the items.

## FIELD TESTING OF NEW ITEMS

- GaDOE, Testing Vendor, Georgia Students
- Annually
- Items accepted by the item review committee are administered to Georgia students to check the quality and appropriateness of the items. These items may be placed on the operational test but do not count towards a student's score.

## SCORING OF FIELD TESTED ITEMS

- GaDOE, Testing Vendor
- Annually
- Field tested items are scored, the statistical properties are analyzed, and results are compiled for additional educator review.

## BUILDING OPERATIONAL TESTS

- GaDOE, Testing Vendor
- Annually
- GaDOE works with the testing vendor to select approved items for placement on operational test forms. Operational items count toward a student's score.

Interested in serving on a test development committee? Submit an [Interest Form](#).