

## CHECKLIST

# The essential 11: How to gauge an assessment solution

When selecting an assessment solution, you're ultimately focused on results. Results to support learners, results to empower teachers, and results to help your school or district meet its goals.

Whether your most pressing need is attaining grade-level standards, improving instruction to help students aim higher, or keeping your strongest performers engaged, meeting these objectives is easier with trustworthy, actionable data from a high-quality assessment. This checklist of guiding questions can help you determine if you have the right assessments to support the unique needs of your school or district. Keep these essential elements in mind when making your assessment decision.

Markers of a quality assessment	MAP® Growth™	Other assessments
<b>1. Research driven:</b> Is the assessment grounded in research? Is it designed to help educators answer specific questions and make major decisions?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>2. Standards aligned:</b> Is the item bank aligned to state standards and updated frequently as standards change?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>3. Trustworthy:</b> Does the assessment measure high in reliability and validity? Does this accurate, precise data track to consistently updated national norms? Do easy-to-use reports provide educators and administrators the context to drive improvement from the classroom to the district?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>4. Comprehensive:</b> Does the item test pool provide the breadth and depth of questions required to accurately measure what students know and can do? Are the questions developed with cultural relevancy in mind and evaluated for potential bias?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>5. Stable:</b> Does the assessment use a stable, grade-independent scale to provide an accurate measure of student performance, whether they're performing on, above, or below grade level?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>6. Curriculum agnostic:</b> Does the assessment operate independent of a specific curriculum, allowing building and district administrators to select the curriculum and learning materials that best meet the needs of their students?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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<b>7. Accessibility forward:</b> Does the assessment offer a full range of accessibility features (e.g., screen reader, refreshable braille, magnification, and more) to remove barriers and improve accommodations for students with disabilities? Is the assessment compatible with existing accessibility software and native devices?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>8. Available en español:</b> Are purpose-built Spanish language assessments included at no extra charge to help educators understand where Spanish-speaking students are in their reading and math skills?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>9. Designed to engage students:</b> Does the assessment have tools in place to determine when students begin to rapid guess and alert the proctor in real time?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>10. Able to predict performance:</b> As a secondary benefit, can the assessment also be used to accurately predict performance on high-stakes tests, including state summative measures and college readiness exams?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>11. Supported by flexible professional learning:</b> Are professional learning opportunities available online and on-site beyond implementation? Do sessions cover topics beyond specific assessments to include goal setting, fostering data culture, and more?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



When evaluating and selecting an assessment solution, it's important to keep the needs and goals of your school or district in mind. Look beyond vanity features to find the solution that provides the actionable data required to make the decisions you and your educators need to make. Your students deserve nothing less.



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