Item Alignment

Navigate Item Bank

To help educators assess students' understanding of concepts and track standards mastery, Certica provides the Navigate Item Bank™, designed to help guide instruction.

Navigate is an expertly developed item bank of over 68,000 Texas standards-based items.



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Certica works with qualified, trained content experts who have both the necessary education and experience to review items and determine if there is an alignment match. All aligners pass a qualifying test, participate in training, and successfully align several sets of training sample items before they begin aligning items for the Item Bank. All alignment work is routinely checked for accuracy and consistency.

ITEM ALIGNMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- What evidence is required for a student to demonstrate mastery of the knowledge and skills outlined in the educational content standard?
- Would a correct response for this item provide evidence that a student has achieved mastery of the knowledge and/or skills in the educational content standard?
- Would a student use the thinking skills called for in the educational content standard when answering the item?

ITEM ALIGNMENT PROCESS

Every item in the Navigate Item Bank is written to a specific standard within a specific standards document, and then checked for a possible match to additional standards sets and aligned where appropriate. This work is done using a combination of manual alignments conducted by aligners and alignments selected using a proprietary alignment engine that applies several item considerations.

Item alignment is an ongoing process; item counts may shift as work progresses, and alignments are updated as standards change. While every effort is made to ensure items are correctly aligned to appropriate standards, Certica recognizes that educators who work with the standards daily are the ultimate authority on alignment. Therefore, Certica permits educators to change existing alignments or add alignments to better meet their formative assessment needs.

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