SGO 2.0: from Compliance to Quality

Increasing SGO Quality through Better Assessments and Target Setting

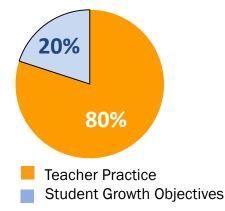


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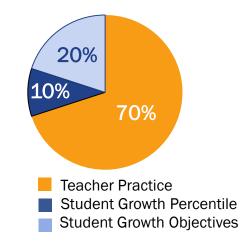
Changes for SGOs in 2014-15

1) All teachers set SGOs: 20%* of summative rating

Teachers without an mSGP set two SGOs



Teachers with an mSGP set one or two SGOs



2) SGOs approved by supervisor by October 31



Note for Districts Using this Presentation and Resources

- This presentation has been designed by the Department for use by educators in districts to help them increase SGO quality.
- Read the notes below each slide carefully for additional information and context for the contents of the slides. (For PDF format, download file to view notes.)
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Objectives for Today

- 1. Clarify what SGOs are and what they are not.
- 2. Develop a foundational understanding of how to develop and choose high quality assessments.
- 3. Investigate appropriate ways to set targets using readily available student data.
- 4. Develop a series of concrete next steps that will allow you to increase the quality of SGOs in your district.



Part 1

Clarify what SGOs are and what they are not.



Requirements for Student Achievement Measures

TEACHNJ Act



The standards for approval of educator evaluation rubrics at a minimum shall include:

• a provision ensuring that performance measures used in the rubric are **linked to student achievement**. • A Student Growth Objective is an academic goal that teachers and evaluators set for groups of students.

 It shall be specific and measurable, based on available student learning data, aligned to Core Curriculum Content Standards (or other standards adopted or endorsed by the State Board), and based on growth and/or achievement.



The Value of SGOs

For Educators

SGOs provide a method by which teachers can **improve their practice** through high quality goal setting while clearly **demonstrating their effectiveness** through the learning exhibited by the students for whom they are responsible.

For Evaluators

SGOs provide an **authentic measure** of teacher effectiveness that is aligned to the learning exhibited by students through an educator's **daily practice of teaching.**

For Students

When well-designed, SGOs promote **reflective** and **collaborative** teaching practices, **alignment** among standards, instruction and assessment, and <u>improve student learning</u>.



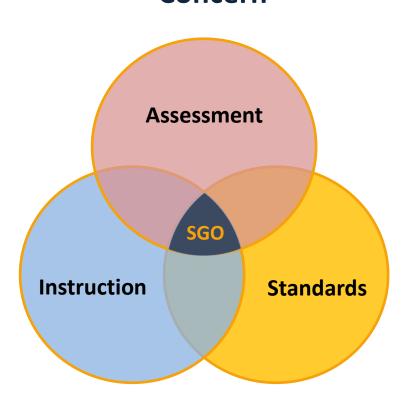
SGOs need to be a significant addition to the work of a teacher.

SGOs should be a reflection of what effective teachers typically do.



SGOs should be a reflection of what educators typically do

Three of a Teacher's Circles of Concern



SGO Quality Rubric - excerpt

Number of students in *combined* SGOs **represents all or a large majority** of the teacher's students.

Includes start and stop dates that include a **significant proportion of** the school year/course length.

Includes a **significant proportion** of standards for which the teacher is responsible during the instructional period.



General Specific SGOs

General

Specific

Captures a <u>significan</u> the students and <u>key star</u> given course or subject are

Most teachers will be of SGO

ents, and/or <u>specific content or</u>

s whose general SGO les all of their students, hive an SGP



2014-15 SGO Form

Significant proportion of	Grade	Course/Subject	Number of Studen <u>ts</u>	Interval of Instruction		
students, standards and course	9	Physics 1	55/55	October-April		
Rationale for Student Growth Objective Name the content standards covered, state the rationale for how these standards are critical for the next level of the subject, other academic disciplines, and/or life/college/career? Name and briefly describe the format of the assessment method.						
Standards						
NJCCCS physical science 5.2.12 C, D and	E					
NJCCCS science practices 5.1.12 A-D	NJCCCS science practices 5.1.12 A-D					
Impact of Standards						
• This SGO includes all of the NJCCCS	S related to pl	hysics creating a foundation	important for stud	lents who will take		
AP and/or college-level physics and is fundamental to many careers including architecture, mechanics, engineering, medicine.						
• The SGO also includes all of the science practice standards, standards crucial in helping student become scientific						
thinkers. This mindset is valuable for making decisions when a large amount of information is available and must						
be analyzed for value and accuracy. It is critical in most academic disciplines.						
Assessment						
Physics department's common assessm	ent administe	ered at the end of the 3 rd ma	rking period			
Written: 60 multiple choice (4 choice), 5 short response questions,						
Practical: Students design a simple appa	aratus, take n	easurements and collect dat	ta High quality	y test normally		

2014-15 SGO Form

High quality test normally administered at this time

What SGOs Are, and What They Are Not

Misconception

Reality

SGOs are an administrator-driven compliance exercise SGOs are driven by teachers, supported by administrators, and centered on student learning



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SGOs are driven by teachers, supported by administrators, and centered on student achievement

Administrator-supported

Provide a supportive and collaborative environment Assess quality and provide approval and final score of SGOs

Teacher-driven

Identify critical standards and develop assessments Use appropriate data to set ambitious and achievable targets Monitor performance and adjust instruction as needed

Student-centered

What should my students learn by when? How will I ensure they learn it? How will I know they have learned it?

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AchieveNJ Home	Student Growth Objectives (SGOs) Top Resour	ces
Teacher Evaluation	SGOs are long-term academic goals for groups of students set by teachers in • 2014-15 SGO Overvie	w
Principal & VP/AP Evaluation	consultation with their supervisors. For a complete overview click here. • 2014-15 SGO Guidebo	ok
Evaluation of Other Educators	SGO 2.0 Presentation	
Student Growth Objectives	NEW: What do I need to know about developing SGOs in 2014-15?	[+]
Overview		
Forms/Documents	NEW: What resources are available to help me develop SGOs in 2014-15?	[+]
Exemplars		
FAQ	What is an SGO? How does it differ from SGP?	[+]
Student Growth Percentiles	Who is required to set SGOs?	[+]
Implementation Guidance		1.1
Professional Development	How can SGOs be adjusted?	[+]
Events, Forums & Trainings		
Documents & Resources	Where can I find examples of SGOs?	[+]
FAQ	Still have questions?	
Achieven	Step 1: Read our <u>FAQ</u> Step 2: Review additional resources in our <u>document library</u> Step 3: Contact us at: <u>educatorevaluation@doe.state.nj.us</u> or 609-777-3788	

*Note that the department is currently working to develop a larger complete set of example SGOs so please continue to check back periodically.

Part 2

Develop a foundational understanding of how to develop and choose high quality assessments.





Turn and Talk

What is the relationship between assessment quality and SGO quality?





depends upon

Assessment Quality

Poorly designed assessments do not accurately measure student knowledge and learning.



If SGOs are based on low-quality assessments, then the SGO process cannot yield accurate or meaningful results.



If SGOs do not yield accurate or meaningful results, they will fail to **promote good instruction** and **improve student learning**.



Types of Assessments for SGOs

Teachers may use but are not limited to:

- Portfolios
- Performance Assessments
- Benchmark Assessments
- Finals (modified as needed)
- Program-based Assessments
- Standardized Tests, e.g. AP

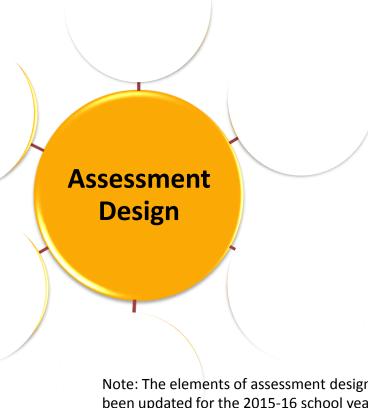
Whether locally-developed or commercial, multiple choice or rubric-based, assessments should follow the rules of good assessment design.

What Does Good Assessment Look Like?





Elements of Assessment Design Purpose



Note Taking Handout

Note: The elements of assessment design have been updated for the 2015-16 school year. When accessing information about the elements of assessment design please consult the <u>SGO 2.1</u> <u>Presentation</u>.

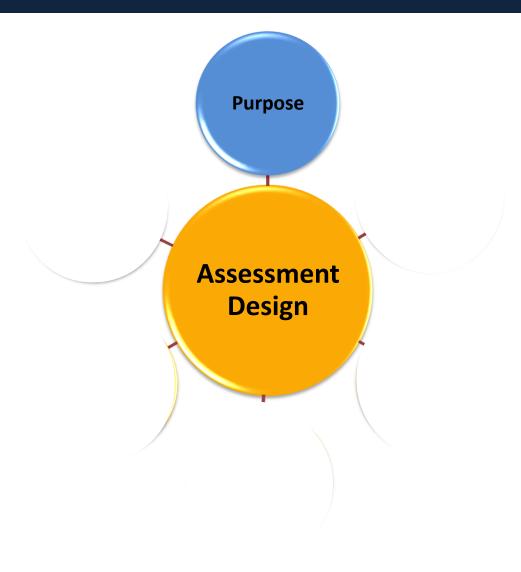


Elements of Assessment Design Begin with the End in Mind

Purpose

SGO assessments are measures of how well our students have met the learning goals we have set for them

Elements of Assessment Design Valid/Accurate Inferences





Elements of Assessment Design

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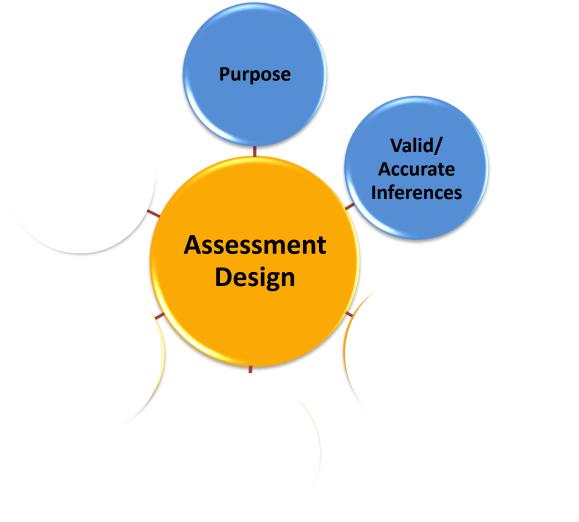


Elements of Assessment Design

Valid/ Accurate Inferences

Valid/Accurate Inferences					
Why does it matter?	The assessment should measure what it sets out to measure .				
What does it look like?	The assessment is aligned to standards , skills , and rigor of the instruction and content of the course. The assessment is accessible to all students.				

Elements of Assessment Design Align to Standards





Analyze This Item

- How valid is the inference we can make about student learning using this question?
- How can we make this a better assessment item?

Perhaps the most famous of all the arts of the Ming Era was:

- A. the elaborate puzzles of the period, which were popular even in Europe.
- B. blue-and-white porcelain, which Europeans collected in great quantities.
- C. the construction of large, elaborate palaces, the finest example of which is the Imperial City in Beijing.
- D. high-quality Berber rugs, which are still popular today.

6.2.12.C.1.b - Trace the movement of essential commodities (e.g., sugar, cotton) from Asia to Europe to America, and determine the impact trade on the New Worlds economy and society.

<u>Handout</u>



Item is not aligned to standards

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Elements of Assessment Design

Align to Standards

Given limited resources, especially time, on *which* standards do we focus our SGOs and assessments?



Elements of Assessment Design

Align to Standards

Determine the relative importance of the standard using the following criteria

- 1. How much time is spent teaching the standard?
- 2. Does the standard have value beyond the current course in:
 - i. the next level of the subject,
 - ii. other academic disciplines, or
 - iii. life/college/career?

Determine the relative importance of the standard being taught during the SGO period*

Standard Name	Rating*	Rank*
<u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.4</u> Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text		
<u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6</u> Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described		
<u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.9</u> Compare and contrast stories in the same genre		
<u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.2</u> Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text		

Rationale for Rating and Rank*

* Answers will vary based on many factors.

Determine the relative importance of the standard being taught during the SGO period*

Standard Name	Rating*	Rank*	Assessment Design
			More Questions/Points
			Fewer Questions/Points

Rationale for Rating and Rank*

* Answers will vary based on many factors.

2014-15 SGO Form

Rationale for Student Growth Objective

Name the content standards covered, state the rationale for how these standards are critical for the next level of the subject, other academic disciplines, and/or life/college/career. Name and briefly describe the format of the assessment method.

Standards

NJCCCS physical science 5.2.12 C, D and E

NJCCCS science practices 5.1.12 A-D

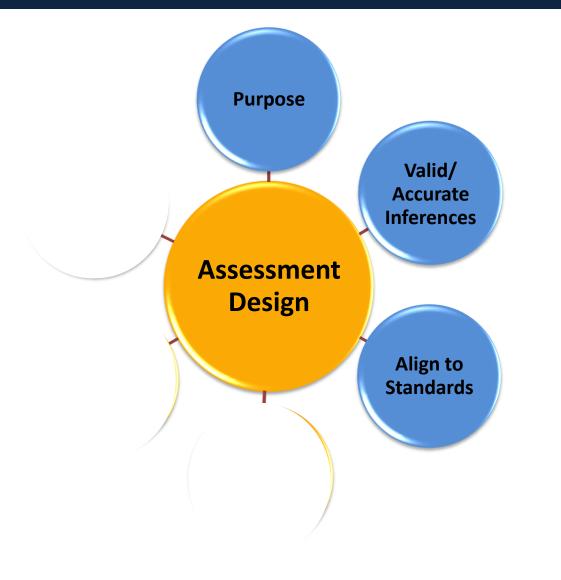
- This SGO includes all of the NJCCCS related to physics creating a foundation important for students who will take AP and/or college-level physics and is fundamental to many careers including architecture, mechanics, engineering, medicine.
- The SGO also includes all of the science practice standards, standards crucial in helping student become scientific thinkers. This mindset is valuable for making decisions when a large amount of information is available and must be analyzed for value and accuracy. It is critical in most academic disciplines.



Using Commercial Products for SGOs



Elements of Assessment Design Range of Rigor/Depth of Knowledge





Elements of Assessment Design

Range of Rigor/DOK



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Range of Rigor/DOK

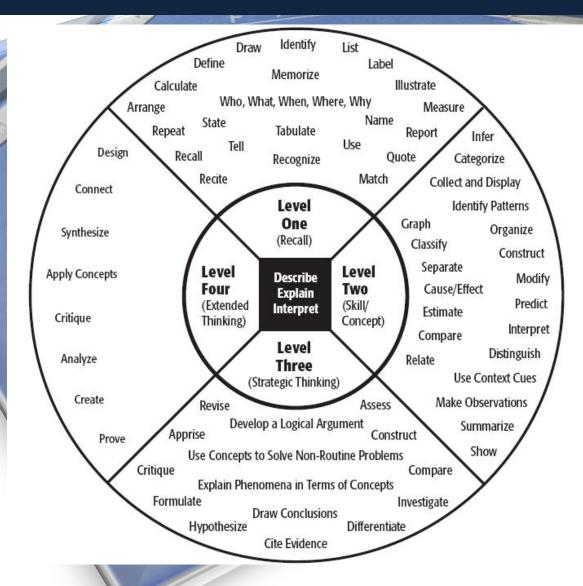
Range of Rigor/Depth of Knowledge

Why does it matter?	An assessment that accurately reflects the range of rigor of the course and instruction increases the validity of inferences educators can make about student learning. Provides access points to students of varying ability.
What does it look like?	The assessment requires a range of thinking skills as proposed by Bloom's taxonomy and Webb's Depth of Knowledge (DOK) that reflects the rigor of the course .



Elements of Assessment Design Depth of Knowledge Wheel

Range of Rigor/DOK



4 minute <u>video</u> explaining DOK using the Gettysburg Address



<u>Handout</u>

Determine the Rigor of this Item

- What DOK level does this item represent?
- What modifications could you make to the question to make it more rigorous?

Examine the following political cartoon and answer the following questions.

- 1. What does the snake in this cartoon represent?
- 2. Whom is the snake attacking?



AS GAG-RULERS WOULD HAVE IT. —Satterfield in the Jersey City Journal.

<u>Handout</u>

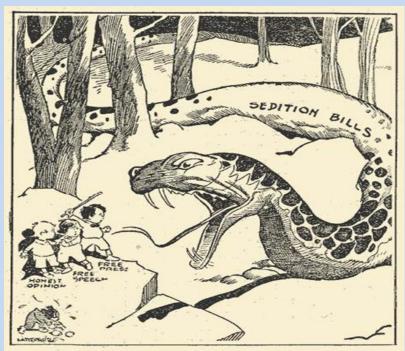
Determine the Rigor of this Item

What DOK level does this modified item represent?

Examine the following political cartoon. Use *details* from the cartoon to:

1. Explain the symbolism of the snake in the political cartoon.

2.Explain why the artist used children to represent free press, free speech, and honest opinion.



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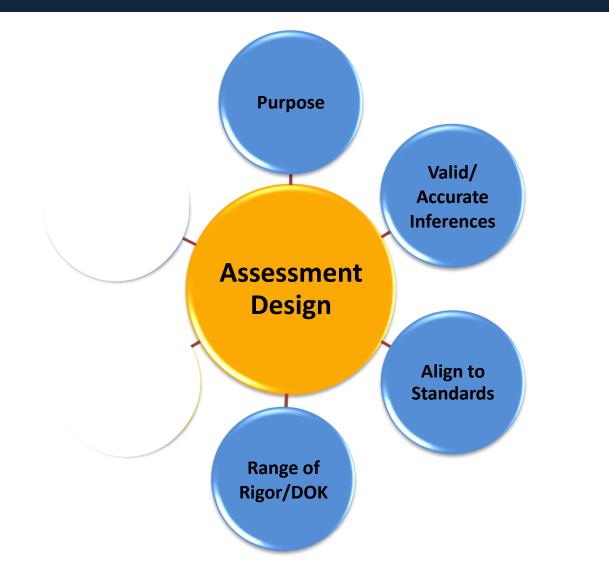
Range of Rigor/DOK

A high quality assessment has a range of rigor that:

- Is representative of the rigor of instructional level and content delivered in the course, and
- Provides stretch at both ends of ability levels



Elements of Assessment Design Accessible





Elements of Assessment Design

Accessible

Achieven

Elements of Assessment Design

Accessible Assessment								
Why does it matter?	Promotes similar interpretations of the data. It's fair to all students.							
What does	Provides equal access to all students regardless of personal characteristics/background and pre-existing extra-curricular knowledge. Questions and structure do not disadvantage students from							
it look like?	certain groups or those without particular background knowledge. Appropriate modifications for students with learning plans. Format, wording, and instructions are clear.							

Accessible

Teach

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Examples

Directions:

Choose the <u>one</u> answer that best solves the problem.

If one card is taken at random from a deck of playing cards, what is the probability that the card will be an ace?

- A) 8%
- B) 50%
- C) 25%
- D) 10%

Directions:

Choose the <u>one</u> answer that best solves the problem.

There are 4 aces in a deck of 52 playing cards. If one card is taken at random from the deck, what is the probability that the card will be an ace?

A) 8%
B) 50%
C) 25%
D) 10%



Examples

Directions:

Choose the <u>one</u> word or phrase that <u>best</u> completes the sentence.

The soldiers and their wives excitedly attended the

A) funeralB) celebrationC) meetingD) workshop

Directions:

Choose the <u>one</u> word or phrase that <u>best</u> completes the sentence.

The soldiers and their **spouses** excitedly attended the

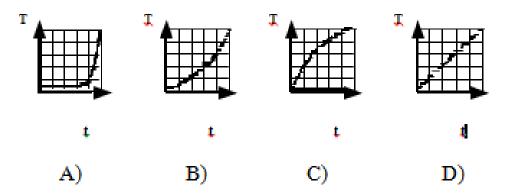
- A) funeral
- B) celebration
- C) meeting
- D) workshop



Examples

An electric heater, which provides a constant rate of heat output, heats a mixture of ice and water from 0° C to 5° C (32° F - 41° F) in five minutes.

 Choose the graph which best describes the change in temperature of the water (T) as a function of time (t), neglecting any heat loss to the environment:



- A. The temperature stays constant for a while, then rises (A)
- B. The temperature rises more slowly at first, then faster (B)
- C. The temperature rises more rapidly at first, then slower (C)
- D. The temperature rises at a constant rate (D)



Check for Understanding

Directions:

Choose the <u>one</u> word that completes the sentence.

Quarterbacks are often sacked during games _____ they do not have a good offensive line protecting them.

- A) even though
- B) although
- C) in spite of
- D) because

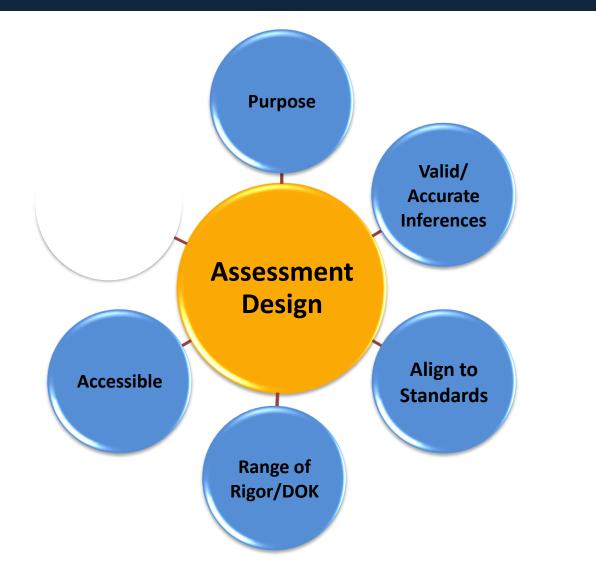
Directions:

Choose the <u>one</u> word <u>or phrase</u> that <u>best</u> completes the sentence.

Some students are often late to class ______ they visit their lockers too frequently. A) even though B) although C) in spite of D) because



Elements of Assessment Design Reliable/Consistent





Elements of Assessment Design

Unreliable

Reliable/ Consistent





Elements of Assessment Design

Reliable/ Consistent

Reliable/	Consistent Assessment

Why does it matter?	Provides information about student learning that can be trusted .
What does it look like?	Assessment administration and scoring is standardized and comparable . Assessment items yield consistent results over time.



Several Ways to Increase Assessment Reliability

- Ensure any preparation for assessment is consistent across teachers and students.
- Develop systems so that the same assessment is administered in the same way each time.
- Ensure scoring is done using clear criteria; use multiple scorers, cross-scoring and/or audits to increase consistency.

Check for Understanding

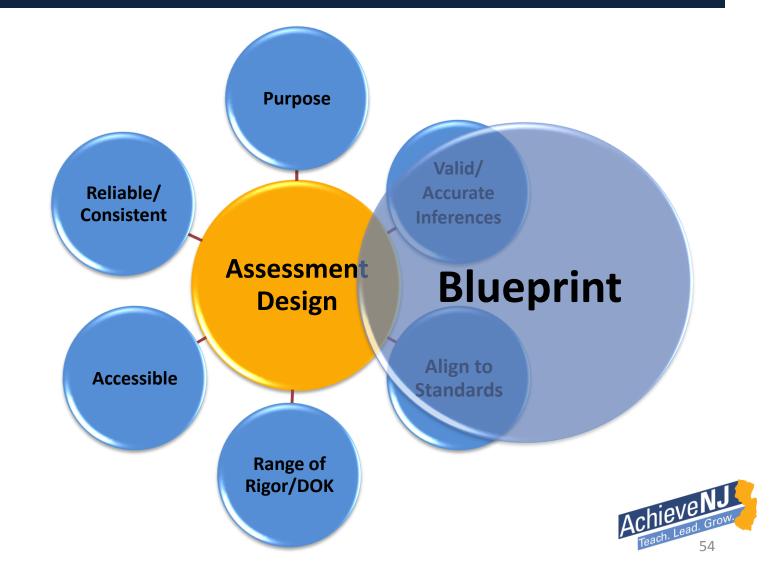
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Monday	130	Bathroom	Morning	. 2
Tuesday	130	Bathroom	Morning	1
Wednesday	130	Bathroom	Morning	
Thursday	145	Drs Office	Morning	2
Friday	130	Bathroom	Morning	



- How would you describe the reliability of this scale?
- How about the validity of the information you get from it?



Elements of Assessment Design Bringing the elements together into a coherent whole



Elements of Assessment Design

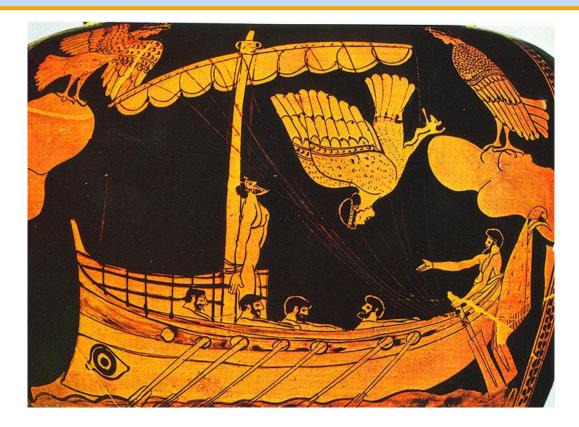
Blueprint

PRIOR TO TES	T DESIGN	DURING TEST DESIGN					
Standard and Description of Standard (NJCCCS, CCSS, etc.)	Relative Importance of Standard 4= High 3= Medium-high 2= Medium-low 1= Low	Type of Question (multiple-choice, constructed- response, essay, etc.)	Depth of Knowledge of Question 4= Extended Thinking 3 = Strategic Thinking 2 = Skill/ Concept 1 = Recall	Question Number/ Points	Total Point Value/ Percentage of Test		
<u>4.NBT.B.4</u> Add and subtract multi-digit whole numbers	4	MC MC CR	2 3 3	#1/5 pts #3/5 pts #6 /20 pts	30 pts /10%		
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Assessment Blueprint and Completion Guide

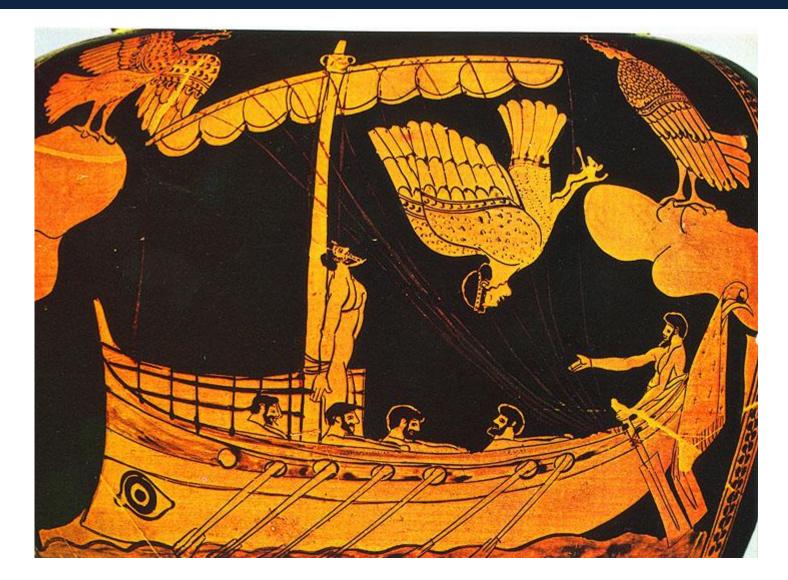
Part 3

Investigate appropriate ways to set targets using readily available student data.





Pre-tests - The Siren Song of Simplicity



What SGOs Are, and What They Are Not

Misconception

Reality

SGOs are a statistically precise measure of growth based on a pre-test/posttest model of performance. SGOs are **learning targets** for **key concepts** and **skills** that students can be expected to master in a course based on a **rough sense** of where they start.



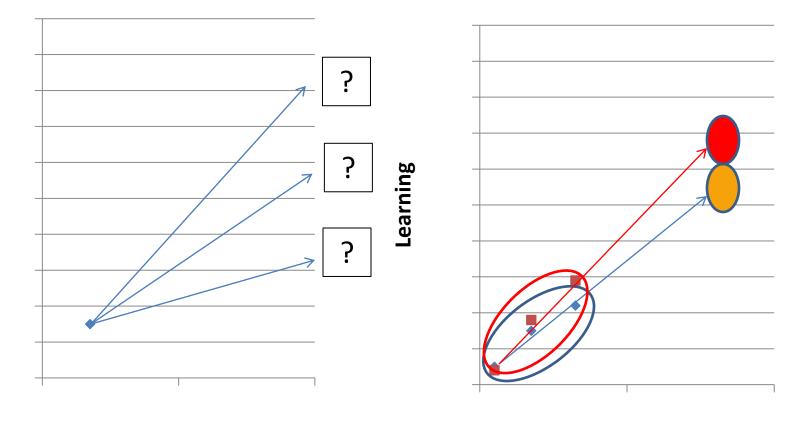
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Important Considerations if Using the Pre-test Post-test Model

- Reliability of Assessment Data Especially in Pre-test
 "Don't worry about it this doesn't count."
- Lack of Value for Instructional Purposes
 "Yep, just as I thought my kids don't know any Mandarin yet."
- **Difficult to Set Reasonable Targets** Impossible to extrapolate future learning from one data point.



Predicting Student Learning Based on a Rough Sense of Where They Begin



Time

Expected learning cannot be determined using one data point.

Time

Expected learning is betterdetermined using multiple measures of starting points. ⁶⁰

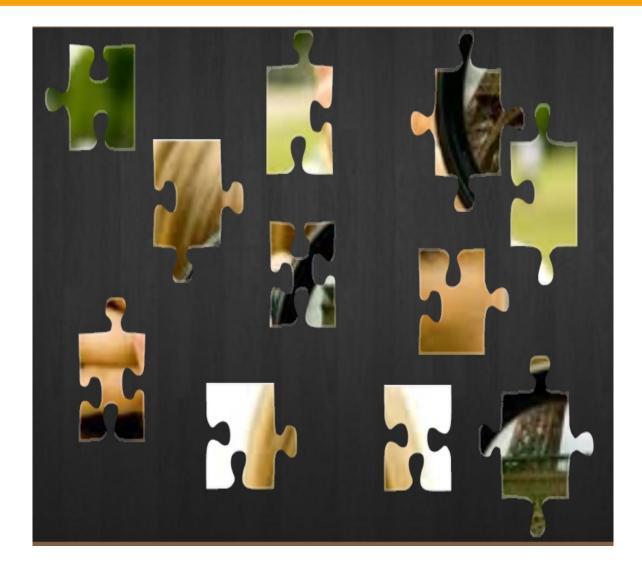
Learning

Predict the Final Picture



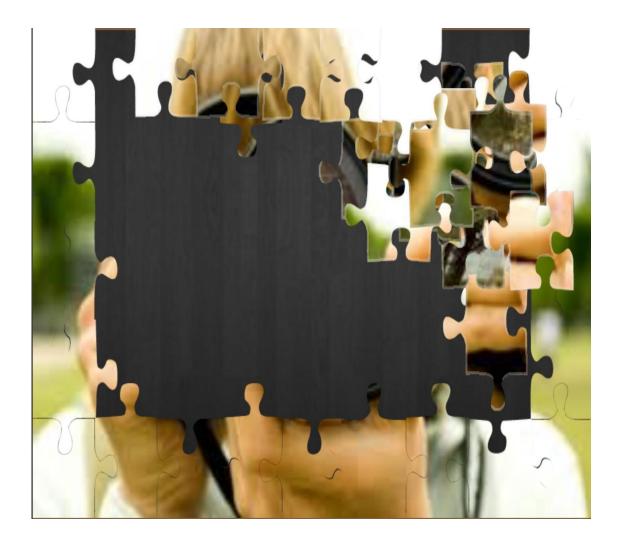


Predict the Final Picture





Predict the Final Picture





List the information you have used or could potentially use to determine students' starting points.

1.
 2.
 3.
 4.
 5.



List the information you have used or could potentially use to determine students' starting points.

- 1. Current grades
- 2. Recent test performance
- 3. Previous year's scores
- 4. Well-constructed and administered, highquality pre-assessments
- 5. Important markers of future success



Sample Rubric for Important Markers of Future Success

Criterion	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
Active Participant	 Always prepared Engaged in all of the learning process 	 Mostly prepared Engaged in most of the learning process 	 Sometimes prepared Engaged in some of the learning process 	 Rarely prepared Engaged in little or none of the learning process
Academic Independence	 Consistently demonstrates intellectual curiosity Consistently self- motivated and independent 	 Frequently demonstrates intellectual curiosity Usually self- motivated and independent 	 Sometimes demonstrates intellectual curiosity Sometimes self- motivated and independent 	 Rarely demonstrates intellectual curiosity Rarely or never self- motivated, frequently depends on prompting and/or teacher assistance
Class Attendance	 Never absent 	 Rarely absent 	 Sometimes absent 	 Frequently absent



Rubric for Important Markers of Future Success

Physics 1 SGO Using Multiple Measures of Starting Points to Determine Three Groups*

Student	Prior Year Final Grade	Current Year Test Scores	Markers of Euture Success				
ID	Math	Average Score	Participates in Class	Completes Homework	Number	Group	
1	86	98.5	Yes	No	1	1	
2	73	92.5	Yes	Yes	2	1	
3	96	95	Yes	Yes	2	1	
4	92	85.5	Yes	No	1	1	
5	67	54	No	No	0	3	
6	69	58	No	No	0	3	
7	78	72.5	Yes	No	1	2	
8	94	80.5	No	No	0	2	

P	Prior Year Math Grade		Current Year Test Score Average		Number of Future Success Markers		ŀ	Preparedness Group	5		
	<70			<70			0			3	
	70 – 84			70 – 84		1			2		
	85 – 100			85 - 100		2			1		

The teacher may assign a specific preparedness group when a majority of measures indicate a specific group using the guide at left.

* May be more or fewer than three groups

Determine Appropriate Learning Targets

- Determine the level of performance on the assessment that would indicate a sense of competence/mastery of the content and skills.
- Modify learning targets so they are ambitious and achievable for the preparedness level of the students .

Student Growth Objective*

85% of students will meet their learning targets as shown in the table below.

Preparedness Group (e.g. 1,2,3)	Number of Students in Each Group	Target Score on SGO Assessment
1	31	≥90
2	63	≥80
3	16	≥75
4	15	≥65

*This table has an extra row for four preparedness groups.

Appropriate Role of the Pre-test/Post-test Model in SGOs

- Where improvement in a set of skills is being evaluated
- When assessments are high quality and vertically aligned
- When pre-tests are **normally used** for diagnostic purposes
- In combination with other measures to help group students according to preparedness level

Grade 1 Reading - DRA

Student	Initial DRA Level	High Frequency Word Recognition	Markers of Future Success	Preparedness Group	DRA Target
1.	3	25	5	2	14-16
2.	3	35	10	1	16-18
3.	3	26	8	2	14-16

Sample Scoring Plan for Students with Varied Starting Proficiency*

	Attainment Level in Meeting Student Growth Objective Student Proficiency Growth on Reading Assessment (years)						
Preparedness Group	Exceptional	Full 3	Partial 2	Insufficient			
	4	5	۷	1			
More than 2 years	≥2.0	≥1.5	≥1.0	<1.0			
below grade	22.0	21.5	21.0	1.0			
1 to 2 years below							
grade	≥1.5	≥1.25	≥1.0	<1.0			
Above grade level to 1	≥1.25	≥1.0	≥0.75	<0.75			
year below grade level	21.20	0	20.75	\$0.75			

* More information than just reading level should be used when determining appropriate targets. Individualized targets could be used if students don't fit into clear categories.

Determine Teacher's SGO Score

• Use and adjust ranges of student performance to derive a score that accurately reflects teacher's effectiveness while taking into account the fluid nature of teaching and learning.

Scoring Plan*

Preparedness Group	Student Target Score on Assessment	Teacher SGO Score Based on Percent of Students Achieving Target Score					
		Exceptional (4)	Full (3)	Partial (2)	Insufficient (1)		
1	≥90	≥90%	≥80%	≥70%	<70%		
2	≥80	≥90%	≥80%	≥70%	<70%		
3	≥75	≥90%	≥80%	≥70%	<70%		
4	≥65	≥90%	≥80%	≥70%	<70%		
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*This table has an extra row for four preparedness groups. Percentages and target scores are for illustrative purposes only. Educators should tailor these numbers to best reflect their situations.

Consider Tailoring SGOs and Scoring Plans for Different Situations

Small Class Size				Full Attainment of Objective (3 points)					
Number of students per group attaining differentiated learning targets				At least 5/7 students in group 1 will score 85% on assessment.					
Proportion of students meeting individual goals				75% of the 12 students in class will attain their individual learning targets.					
Average proficiency score in the class by group or overall				The average score of the six students in the class will be 80%.					
Resource Room				Exceptional Attainment of Objective (4 points)					
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Part 4

Develop a series of concrete next steps that will allow you to increase the quality of SGOs in your district.



Possible Next Steps

- Share information from this workshop with all members of your DEAC and **develop a strategy** for developing higher quality assessments and SGOs throughout the district.
- Review the materials from this workshop and plan the time and method for **delivering to staff** in a PD session.
- Ask building leaders to create an SGO assessment inventory and check quality against the elements of assessment design and item design rules.
- \checkmark Ask teachers to **identify 3 sets of data** to determine student starting points.
- Build in time during PLC/team time for assessment development.
- ✓ Use the SGO quality rating rubric to determine quality of SGOs during the approval process (deadline - October 31st, 2014).



Resources

- Updated <u>SGO guidebook</u> and <u>forms</u>
- Expanded <u>SGO library</u>
- <u>FAQs</u>
- <u>ScIP Workshops</u>

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