

OVERVIEW OF THE END-OF-GRADE ASSESSMENT

What is on the End-of-Grade Assessment?

- * English Language Arts (ELA)
- * Mathematics

TYPES OF ITEMS

- * **Selected-response items**—also called multiple-choice questions
 - English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics
 - There is a question, problem, or statement that is followed by four answer choices.
 - There is only ONE right answer, so read EACH answer choice carefully.
 - Start by eliminating the answers that you know are wrong.
 - Then look for the answer that is the BEST choice.
- * **Technology-enhanced items**—also called multiple-select or two-part questions
 - English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics
 - There is a question, problem, or statement.
 - In a multiple-select question, you will be asked to select more than one right answer.
 - In evidence-based selected-response (EBSR) questions, you will be asked to answer the first part of the question. Then, you will answer the second part of the question based on how you answered the first part.
 - Read the directions for each question carefully.
 - Start by eliminating the answers you know are wrong.
- * **Constructed-response items**
 - English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics
 - There is a question, problem, or statement but no answer choices.
 - You have to write your answer or work out a problem.
 - Read the question carefully and think about what you are asked to do.
 - In English Language Arts (ELA), go back to the passage to look for details and information.
 - You will be scored on accuracy and how well you support your answer with evidence.
- * **Extended constructed-response items**
 - English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics
 - These are similar to the constructed-response items.
 - Sometimes they have more than one part, or they require a longer answer.
 - Check that you have answered all parts of the question.

*** Extended writing-response**

- English Language Arts (ELA) only
- There is a question, problem, or statement.
- You may be asked to do more than one thing.
- You will be asked to read two passages and then write an essay.
- You will be scored on how well you answer the question and the quality of your writing.
- Organize your ideas clearly.
- Use correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
- Support your answer with evidence from the text.

DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE

Test questions are designed with a Depth of Knowledge (DOK) level in mind. As you go from Level 1 to Level 4, the questions get more and more challenging. They take more thinking and reasoning to answer. You may have experienced these types of questions in your classroom as your teachers find ways to challenge you each day.

A Level 1 item may not require as much thinking as a Level 4 item—but that does not mean it's easy.

A Level 4 item may have more than one part or ask you to write something.

Here is some information to help you understand just what a DOK level really is.

Level 1 (Recall of Information)

- * Identify, list, or define something.
- * Questions may start with *who*, *what*, *when*, and *where*.
- * Recall facts, terms, or identify information.

Level 2 (Basic Reasoning)

- * Think about things—it is more than just remembering something.
- * Describe or explain something.
- * Answer the questions "how" or "why."

Level 3 (Complex Reasoning)

- * Go beyond explaining or describing "how and why."
- * Explain or justify your answers.
- * Give reasons and evidence for your response.
- * Make connections and explain a concept or a "big idea."

Level 4 (Extended Reasoning)

- * Complex thinking required!
- * Plan, investigate, or apply a deeper understanding.
- * These items will take more time to write.
- * Connect and relate ideas.
- * Show evidence by doing a task, creating a product, or writing a response.