



Formative assessment is part of an ongoing cycle of instruction and feedback in classrooms that is integral to effective teaching and learning. Teachers or school professional learning community teams can use the Cognia formative assessment item sets as exemplars for multiple choice and open-ended questions. These resources can be utilized in real time and provide measures to support teachers in making instructional adjustments.



Who has access to the formative item sets?

Formative item sets are available to all teachers in New Mexico. Resources are available for Grades 3-8 in subjects reading, language usage, mathematics, science, and civics.



What do the formative item sets measure?

Cognia formative item sets are an **optional** resource designed to help teachers:

- quickly gauge students' understanding of key concepts and skills
- support formative assessment practices
- provide evidence of student understanding

Educators may administer the items as frequently as they like to engage students in learning and quickly generate data that can be used to inform instruction. The online content libraries have overviews of the available item sets for teachers to identify which items are applicable for the classroom as needed.



When should formative assessment be given?

The Cognia formative item sets are available year-round to be embedded within regular instruction at the teacher's discretion.



How are the formative item sets administered?

- The item sets are available to teachers as downloadable PDFs or online in a computer-based testing format.
- Teachers must [request access](#) to the eProve platform.
- For complete instructions on how to access the formative item content, please see the [How to Request Access to the Formative Item Sets](#) handout on the [Cognia Help and Support](#) site.



Where can I access reports?

Item sets that are administered in the online system will be scored and reported for teachers in the [Cognia Data Interaction](#) portal. Please see the [Formative Assessments Reporting User Guide](#) for more information. PDF versions of the item sets will be hand-scored and tracked by teachers outside of the system.