



Are you ready for the College and Career Readiness Standards?

The New Era in Assessment Has Begun

The creation and widespread adoption of the College and Career Readiness Standards has been the catalyst for the single most significant development in testing since No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The U.S. Department of Education (DOE) has funded two consortia, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) and the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), to develop a set of common assessments to measure student mastery of the College and Career Readiness Standards.

TerraNova Common Core

- Reading, Language, Mathematics, Grades 3–8

Assessment Type:

- Normative Assessment with New National 2011 Norms
- National Achievement Test Aligned to the College and Career Readiness Standards

Delivery Formats

- Paper and Pencil Scoring Options
- Hand Scoring
- Machine Scoring

Test Item Types, Supported by SBAC and PARCC

- Integrated Performance Tasks (PT)
- Constructed-Response (CR) Items
- Extended Constructed-Response (ECR) Items
- Multiple-Choice (MC) Items

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The Right Solution at the Right Time

With content aligned to the College and Career Readiness Standards, *TerraNova* Common Core features innovative items that deliver an authentic measure of the higher order thinking skills and increased depth of knowledge highlighted by the College and Career Readiness Standards. In one test, *TerraNova* Common Core shows educators and stakeholders how well students have mastered both national and College and Career Readiness Standards. Results are ready in less than seven days, making the data actionable for effective classroom instruction.

Innovative Test Items Deliver Greater Insight

TerraNova Common Core delivers test items that go beyond traditional multiple-choice tests. On the same scale and all in the same test book, *TerraNova* Common Core includes:

- Integrated Performance Tasks (PT)
- Constructed-Response (CR) Items
- Extended Constructed-Response (ECR) Items
- Multiple-Choice (MC) Items

No other national achievement test offers this combination of items all on the same scale, all in one test book.

The benefit of this unique “one test” approach is that educators can compare student results on national and College and Career Readiness Standards across grades and ability levels. All items offer the most reliable and valid measure of any national achievement test in the market.



The College and Career Readiness Standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers.

The College and Career Readiness Standards . . . Changing the Way We Approach Assessment

Promoting critical thinking, problem solving, and 21st century skills, the College and Career Readiness Standards are aligned to college and work expectations. Assessments that measure these standards are dramatically different than traditional multiple-choice tests. In the College and Career Readiness Standards era, assessments must give students the opportunity to demonstrate understanding through writing, producing work, and explaining how they arrived at an answer.

College and Career Readiness Standards-aligned items can ask students to perform a series of tasks that measures multiple standards—ending the era of test items that map only to a single standard. Gone are the days when a multiple choice item was sufficient for measuring a student’s level of mastery on a specific standard. The depth, rigor, and complexity of the College and Career Readiness Standards move beyond the measurement ability of a multiple-choice test alone.

TerraNova Common Core Gives You the Most Accurate, Authentic Estimate of Student Ability

Data Recognition Corporation | CTB is the only test publisher to offer both the Three Parameter Logistic (3PL) and the Two Parameter Partial Credit (2PPC) Item Response Theory (IRT) scoring models. These two scoring models enable CTB to offer partial credit—a critical window into students’ progress toward a standard in instances of partial mastery.

The combined models also allow DRC|CTB to integrate the responses of all items together, so educators can see how well students are doing without the complex and time-consuming task of comparing performance on different measures.

TerraNova Common Core’s item formats have been field tested and validated to ensure accurate measurement of higher order thinking skills. All items are vertically scaled and research based.

No other test solution offers a more valid or reliable measure of students’ performance within the context of the College and Career Readiness Standards.



TerraNova Common Core meets the guidelines issued by SBAC

SBAC's guidelines for College and Career Readiness Standards assessments include:

- The inclusion of new item types: Short Constructed-Response, Extended Constructed-Response, and Performance Tasks—partial credit must be given for partial understanding
- Data to show current achievement and growth
- State-to-state comparability
- Tests can be deployed twice annually, meeting each of these guidelines directly, making it an excellent choice as states and districts transition to the new standards

Scoring and Reporting

TerraNova Common Core scoring and reporting packages provide numerous report options—including online reporting, standards based reporting, and multilingual interpretive guides, making communication with administrators and parents or guardians faster and more productive. The accompanying reporting portfolio delivers rapid, in-depth insight into student performance. Data is available in 7 days or less:

- Objective and item level reports show student mastery on both national and College and Career Readiness Standards
- Data can be accessed both online and in print for flexible report assembly
- The Premier Home Report includes links to helpful instructional activities and is available in 10 languages

Legacy of Expertise and Innovation Continues

TerraNova Common Core reflects diligent dedication to assessment's highest and best psychometric and technical standards.

TerraNova has long been recognized as education's most respected, valid, and innovative national achievement test. The introduction of *TerraNova* Common Core from DRC|CTB continues that legacy.

Learn more at CTB.com/TerraNovaCommonCore or contact us at 800.538.9547.