DoDEA Formative Assessment Program

FocalPoint AssessCloudTM

Teacher Guide



Table of Contents

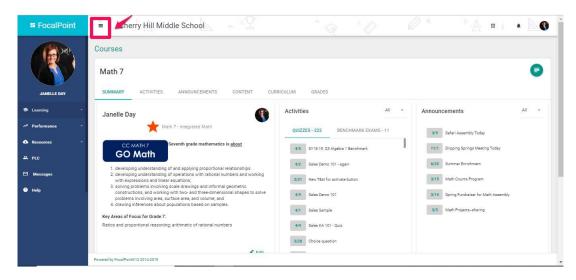
General Platform information	3
How do I access the menu on the left side of the page?	3
How do I get back to the 'homepage' when using FocalPoint?	3
How do I edit/change my password?	4
Managing your Account Settings & Profile	5
How do I view/edit my profile?	5
Students Taking Tests: 3 Options (Token, Virtual Classroom, Paper)	6
How do students take tests using Tokens?	6
How do students take tests using the virtual classroom?	8
How do students take tests using a paper form?	10
To print a test from the assessment page:	10
To print a test in Resources:	1′
Entering responses for a paper administration	1′
Benchmark Assessments: Creation through student testing	13
Viewing an Assigned District Benchmark	1′
Formative Resources: Creation through student testing	12
Creating Tests	12
How do I create a Test?	12
How do I use the item bank to filter & find questions?	13
How do I customize my test using the 'Test Detail' page?	15
Assigning Assessments a Test to Courses	17
How do I assign an assessment a Test and place it inside a course/classroom?	17
How do I access the test in the course once it has been assigned?	2′
How do I limit student access to the test until I am ready to administer the test to students?	2′
Creating Questions	18
How do I get started creating my own questions?	18
How do I create a multiple-choice question?	2′
How do I use mathematical symbols to build out my questions?	22
How do I create an extended response question?	22
How do I create a Fill in The Blank Question?	24
How do I create an Evidence-Based Selected Response Question (EBSR)?	25
How do I score extended text & constructed response questions using rubrics?	27
How to reset/reopen the student assessment?	29
Accessing Performance Reports	31
How can I access real-time performance reports immediately after a test has been administered?	31

Data Dashboards, Reports, & Other Functions	32
How do I create and use student badges?	32
How do I view classroom & individual student results after a test in FocalPoint?	34
How do I view results for an individual student using Test Summary?	35
How do I access reports that show overall mastery of standards?	36
How do I access reports that show performance on district (or school-level) benchmark & all classroom assessments?	
How do I access reports that show performance levels on all students in my class?	41
How do I access reports that show both classroom and individual student assessment analysis?	41
How do I access reports that show results by question?	42
How do I access reports that show results by domain and standard?	43
How do I print reports and/or convert reports to other formats?	44
How do I navigate my way back to other reports after drilling into various data?	45
Accessing Assessment Dashboards	46
How can I access real time assessment reports immediately after an assessment is scored?	46

General Platform information

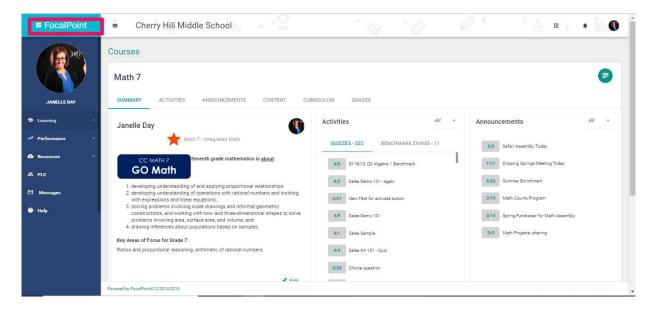
How do I access the menu on the left side of the page?

Select the 'Menu' icon to expand/collapse various tools/tabs within the AssessCloudTM. You can hide these tools when working in FocalPoint at any time by clicking the icon again.



How do I get back to the 'homepage' when using FocalPoint?

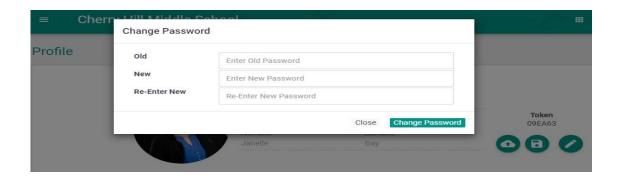
Select the FocalPoint logo OR your district/school logo located above your profile picture on the top left side of the page.



How do I edit/change my password?

To edit/change your password, select the 'My Profile' icon and then the pencil icon. Enter your old password, then enter your new password. Confirm by re-entering your new password. Click the Change Password' button to complete.

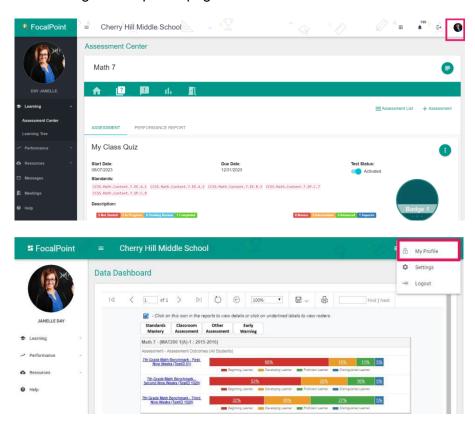




Managing your Account Settings & Profile

How do I view/edit my profile?

To view/edit profile, click on the User Image on the Top right corner of the page then click on "My Profile" to go to the profile page.



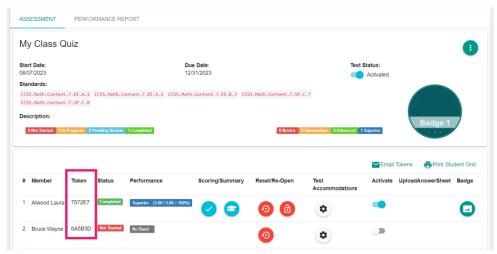
Students Taking Tests: 3 Options (Token, Virtual Classroom, Paper)

How do students take tests using Tokens?

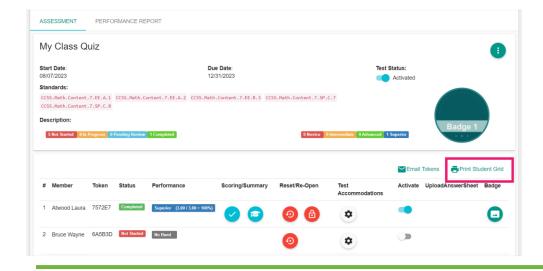
To administer an assessment in FocalPoint using tokens, the teacher will first assign a test to the desired Course(s) (see pgs. 9-14 in this Guide).

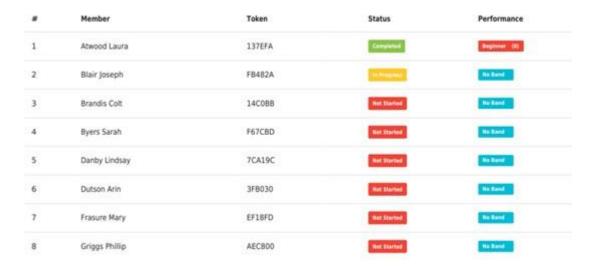
- Select the assessment
- Click Assessment Tab if needed.

The Assessment section provides the teacher with a roster of all students assigned the course. It also provides each student's unique 6-digit token which gives them access to launch the test when ready.

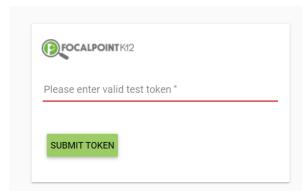


 A page can be downloaded and printed by selecting the 'Print Student Grid' tab in the top right corner of the page. This allows teachers to easily distribute individual tokens to students in their class.





 When ready to have students take the assessment, students will access the AssessCloudTM URL Ims.backpack.education/qtiplayer/qtitoken
 Token URL, enter their token, and select 'Submit Token'.

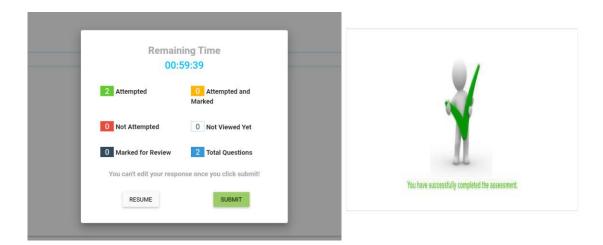


Select the 'Begin Test' Tab to launch the assessment.



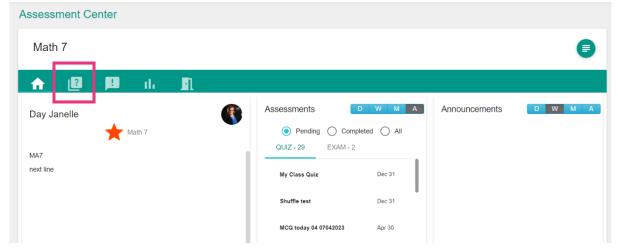


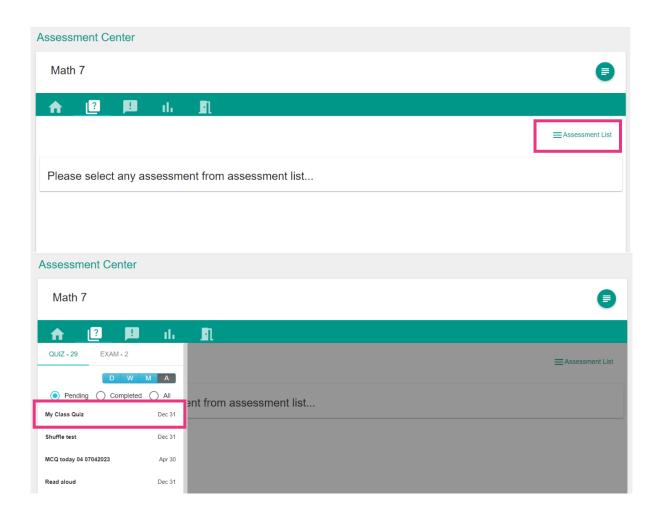
Once complete, student can submit the test by clicking on "FINISH" button then a prompt
will show up to "SUBMIT" the test or student can "RESUME". If Student clicks on
"SUBMIT", then the student will receive a confirmation message that the assessment has
been processed.



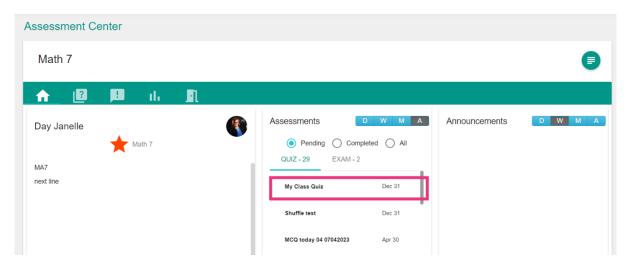
How do students take tests using the virtual classroom?

 The teacher will have the assessment available in the correct course, which can be accessed by students by selecting the Assessment Tab and Click on "Assessment List" and Select the Assessment from the Assessment List.

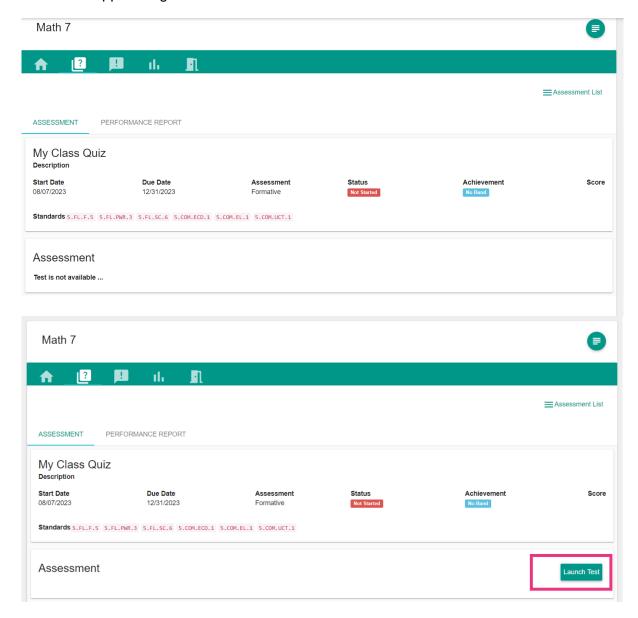




• Students can also access the assessment from the Course home screen from Assessment layout.



 Prior to testing/Activation of the test, the student can go into the course, select the test and gain access to resources the teacher has provided along with test information prior to taking the assessment. Once the teacher 'ACTIVATES' the test, the 'Launch Test' button will appear in green color. The student selects this button and the test is launched.



How do students take tests using a paper form?

To print a test from the assessment page:

Select the more options icon on the assessment page.



- In more options, select 'Print Test' to print the test.
 - Print Test

To print a test in Resources:

• In Resources -> Tests, select the more options icon for the appropriate test.

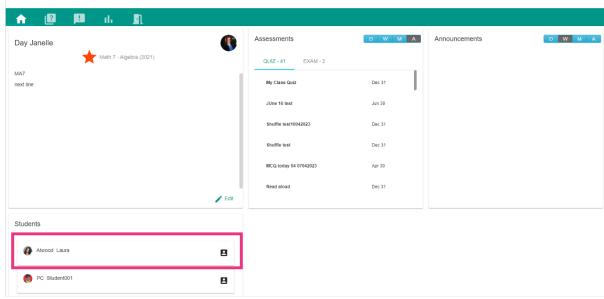


- Select 'Print' to print the test.
 - Print

Entering responses for a paper administration

To transcribe the student's answers into the platform a teacher has 2 options.

- 1. Log in as the student either via Token or Virtual Classroom
- 2. Impersonate the student.
 - To do this, you first need to log into FocalPoint
 - Go to Assessment center and select the classroom in which the student is enrolled.
 Scroll down and find the "Students" layout.



• Search for your student and then click on the student's name. This will open the student's profile where the teacher will select 'Impersonate'.

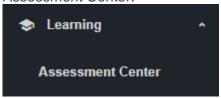


- Select 'skip' if you are prompted for an email.
- You will then be logged in as the student where you can launch the test and transcribe the students answers from the bubble sheet into the system.
- To end the impersonation, you will select the person icon on the top right side of the system banner.

Benchmark Assessments: Creation through student testing

Viewing an Assigned District Benchmark

 To view an assigned district benchmark as a teacher, begin by selecting Learning > Assessment Center.



• In the Assessment Center, select the appropriate course, if necessary, by using the 'Select Course' icon.



- In the 'Assessments' section on the Home tab, select 'Exams', where all district assigned benchmarks will appear.
- This can also be done by selecting the 'Assessments' tab, selecting 'Assessment List', then selecting 'Exam'.

Assessments



Select the desired district assigned benchmark.

Benchmark - Grade 3 ELA

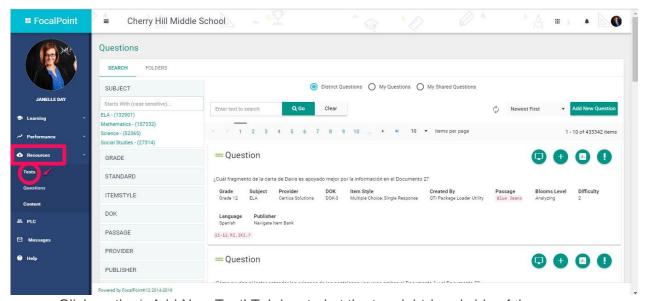
• On the assessment screen, teachers can view the benchmark information, including name, description, and associated standards. Teachers can also view student names, exam status, exam performance, test status (activated or deactivated), and accommodations.

Formative Resources: Creation through student testing

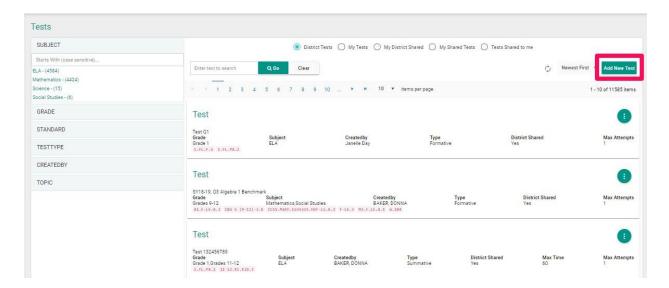
Creating Tests

How do I create a Test?

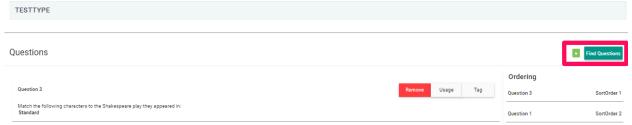
- Click on the Menu button that appears to the right of the FocalPoint logo above your name/picture.
- Select the Resources Tab on the left side of the page. You have the option of selecting 'Tests' or 'Questions'. Since you are creating a new Test, select 'Tests'.



Click on the '+Add New Test' Tab located at the top right-hand side of the page.

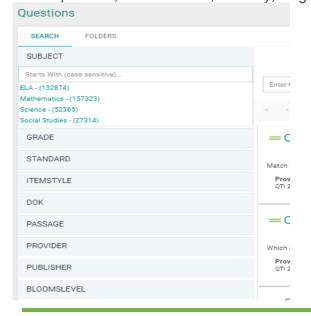


 Scroll down the Test Details page to find the section called 'Questions'. Click on the Find 'Questions' tab that appears on the right side of the page.

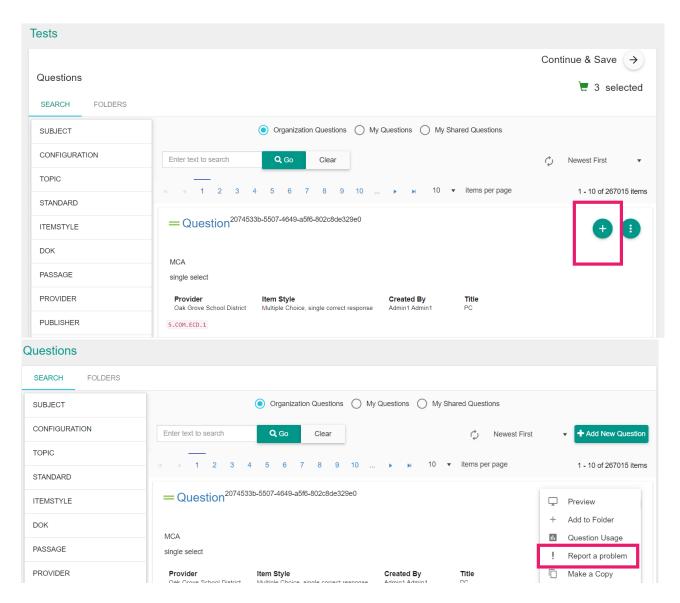


How do I use the item bank to filter & find questions?

 Use the filters on the left side of the page to choose question items you would like to add to your assessment. You can filter by grade, subject, standard(s), item-style, DOK, passage, provider, Blooms Level, difficulty, language, Lexile's, Flesch Kincaid, and Item Parent.

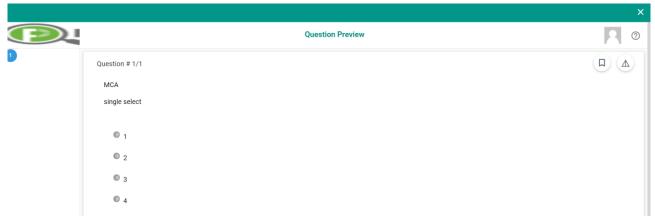


- As you select different filters, a listing of available questions populates in the filters window. automatically allowing you the opportunity to view the questions. Click on the questions that appear in the filter listing and you will see the questions associated with your chosen filter populate automatically in the window to the right.
- 'Add' the question to your assessment (this places the item into the test and the grocery cart icon shows the number of items selected), or 'Preview' the question (this allows you to view exactly how the question will be rendered to the students.)

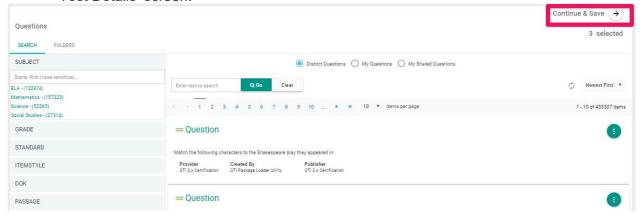


Note: Each Question provides you with the option to 'Report an Issue' (this goes to the support team to follow up and address).

• When you are finished previewing any of the questions, select the 'X' in the top right corner of the question to go back to building your test.

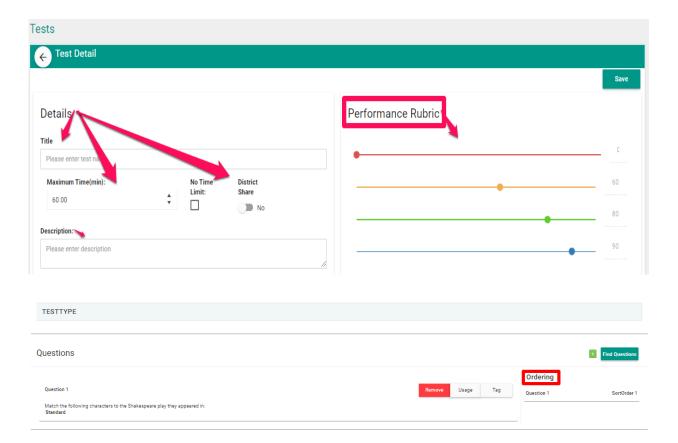


 Once you have finished selecting all the question items you wish to use for the test being created and you have added them to your test, click 'Continue and Save' to return to the 'Test Details' screen.

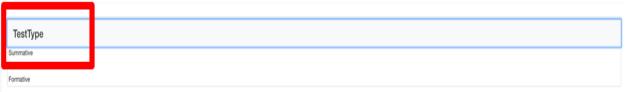


How do I customize my test using the 'Test Detail' page?

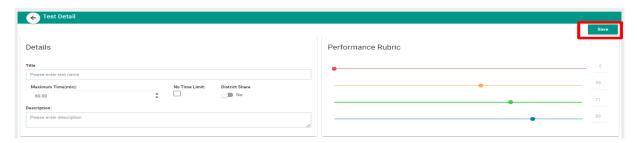
Complete the Test Detail page by giving your assessment a title and description. You also
have the option of selecting a time limit for the test along with the option of sharing the test
with others. When sharing the test with others, the assessment is added to the assessment
item bank allowing other teachers in your district/school to use for their own classroom. If
you do not share the assessment, the test will be available only to you. You also can adjust
the rubric and order the sequence of the questions by dragging and dropping the question
tiles.



You also have the option of tagging the type of assessment being created (for the purposes
of this administration you will select formative). To do so, go to the bottom of the page in
Test Detail and click on 'Test Type', then select the type of test.



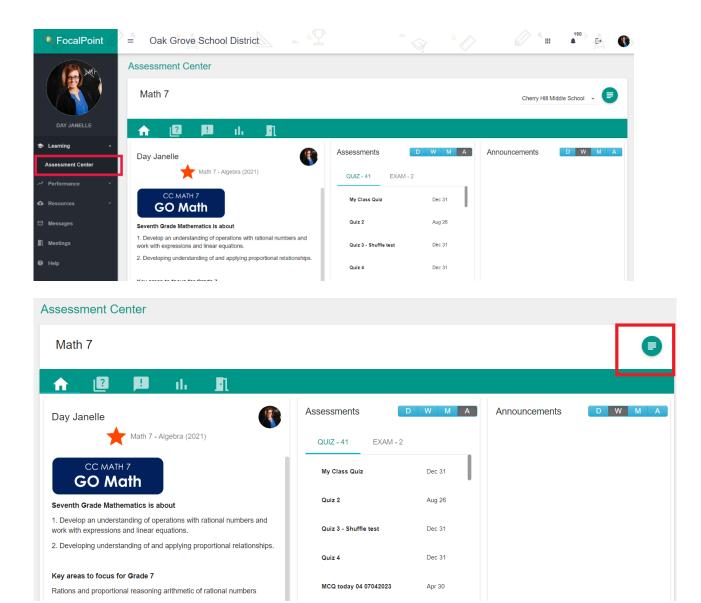
 After you have completed filling out the details of the test, click on the 'Save Tab' located in the top right-hand corner of the page. A pop-up message will then show confirming that the test has been saved successfully and is now available to be assigned to a course.

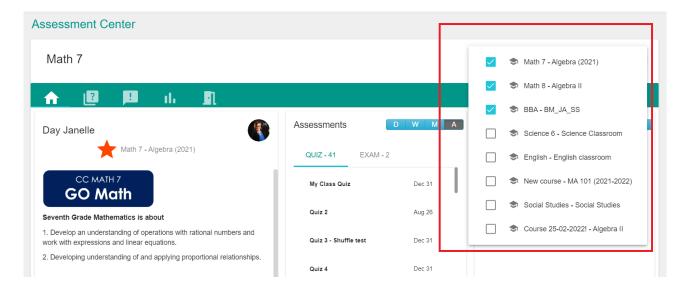


Assigning a Test to Courses

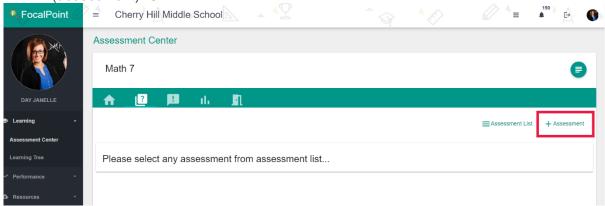
How do I assign a Test and place it inside a course/classroom?

Select the Assessment Center located on the left side of the page under "Learning" Menu.
 Use the Course selection menu to select the course/class you wish to assign the Test to.



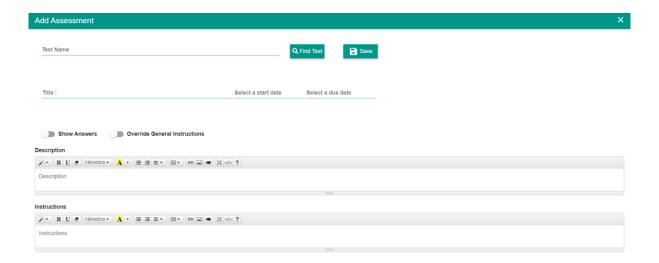


 Select the Assessment Tab. The Assessment Tab allows you the option of assigning a quiz (assessment). Click on "Add Assessment" button.

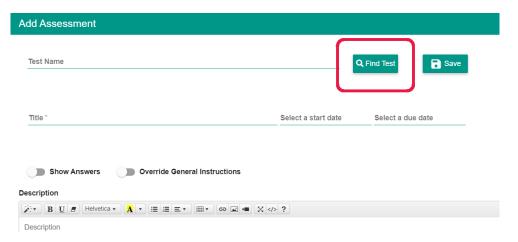


Provide the title, start date, due date, and a description/comment using the noted fields.
The name and description/comments filled out will be visible for students to see in the
virtual classroom. You can always edit this information at any time so if you need to adjust
the start and due date of the assessment you can easily do so.

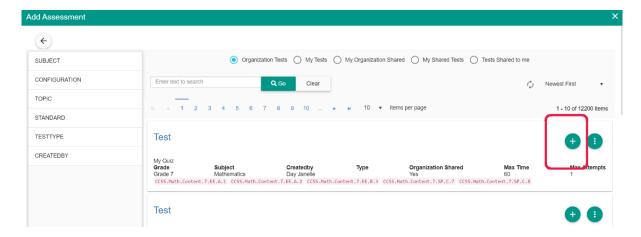
Note: The 'Due Date' you select will determine the filter under which your test will appear under 'Activities' once created. Using the same 'Start Date' and 'Due Date' will result in you seeing your new test under the 'Today' filter only.



After completing this information, you will now need to find the test and add it to the course.
To do so, select the 'Find Test' Tab. Locate the assessment you wish to assign by typing
the name of the assessment into the search bar. Or you can also find the test by simply
clicking the 'Find Test' tab and then sort from newest to oldest. You can find other tests by
sorting oldest to newest, A-Z or Z-A order.



 After finding your test, select the 'Add' Tab on the right side of the test and the test will then be assigned.

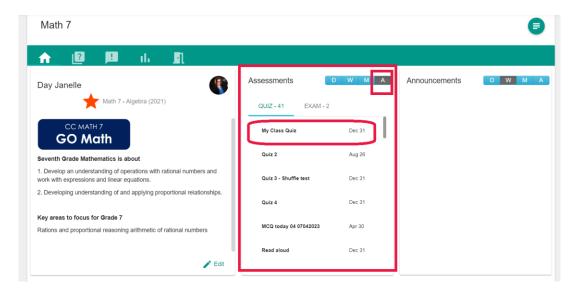


Confirm that the test has been placed in the field and that the Title, Description, start/due
date is correct. Then click on the 'Save' tab.



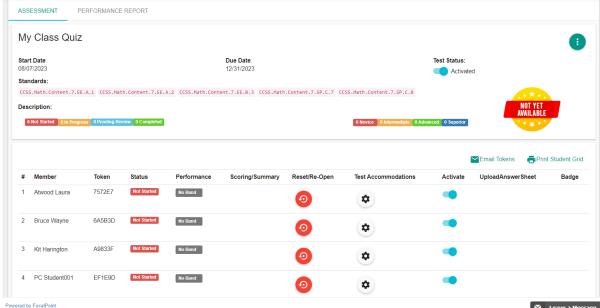
 You will then receive a pop-up notification confirming that your test has been created successfully. You will now see the assessment available in the course under both the Assessments Tab and in the Course Home page.

Note: Whether you will see your test under the 'Today', 'This Week', or 'This Month' filter will be determined by the 'Due Date' you indicated in Test Details.



How do I access the test in the course once it has been assigned?

- Select the assessment from the above-referenced list to enter the assessment module.
 Now you can see additional information showing your class roster, and (if the test has already been administered) who has started the assessment, and the student's performance band along with their numerical score.
- At the top, the test title, description, standards, and start/due date are all displayed.
- In addition, you can view the number of students who scored within the corresponding performance bands. You are given the option to edit or delete the quiz and to print the test out for paper/pencil assessments.



How do I limit student access to the test until I am ready to administer the test to students?

By default, the assessment is 'Deactivated'. This means that the students have access to
the assessment module but are unable to launch and take the test until you allow them to
do so. Keeping the test 'deactivated' insures that students are unable to take the test;
however, they do have the ability to preview the requirements of the test, the badge they
can earn, and any resources (study guides, vocabulary, activities, etc.) that you have
placed to be shared to help them prepare for the test.

Note: The process by which you can share resources with students appears below.

Once you are ready to have the students take the test, you will need to activate the test by
selecting the 'Test Status' toggle which, when 'Activated', will turn from gray to bright pink.
You also activate or deactivate the test for individuals or groups of students. This is helpful
if you have students who are absent that day or who are in your course but are not yet
ready to take the test and should not have access yet.

Deactivated



Activated



Individual Students Activated/Deactivated

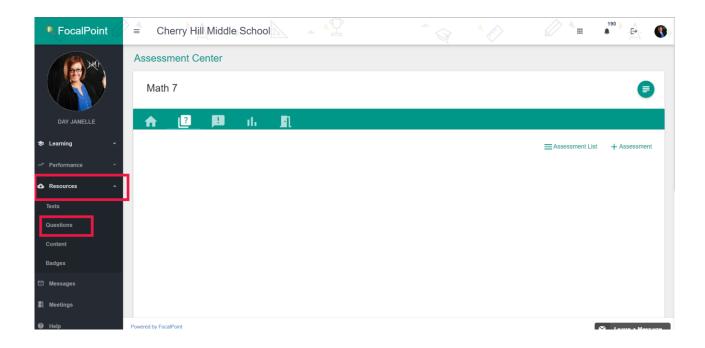


Creating Questions

This information is applicable to benchmark assessments and formative resources.

How do I get started creating my own questions?

- To create your own questions and add to the item bank, select the Resources tab on the left side of the page.
- Then select the 'Questions' tab.



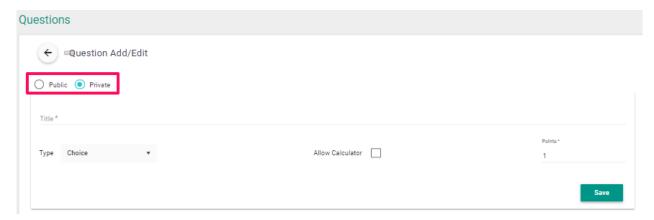
• This takes you into the Item Bank where you have access to all question items currently in the system. To add/create a new question, select the '+Add New Question' Tab located at the top right side of the page.



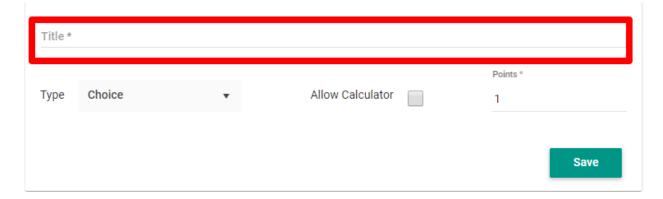
You are now at the screen that will allow you to create your question(s). This area provides
you with several options: You can choose to make this question accessible to others in your
district by tagging the question as 'Public", provide your question with a title, select the

interaction type (multiple choice, extended text, evidence-based-selective response/EBSR), and tag/align the question to standards, DOK, grade, subject, etc.

Choose to share the question (by making it 'Public') or keep it private so only you have access.

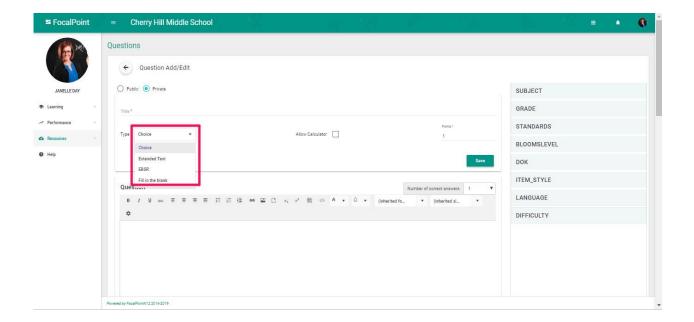


Give the question a title...



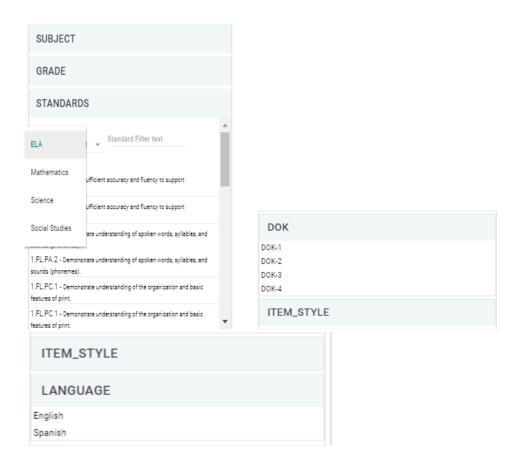


Select the interaction type...



• Tag/Align the question to curriculum standards & other appropriate fields (It is critical that you tag the question to the appropriate standard (s) so that accurate standard mastery reports are made available for analysis).

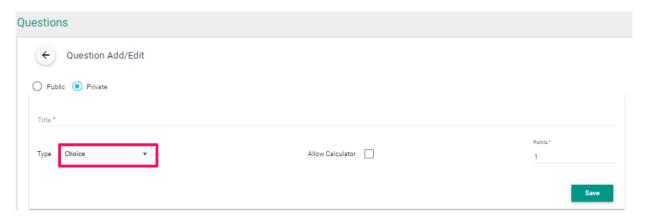




How do I create a multiple-choice question?

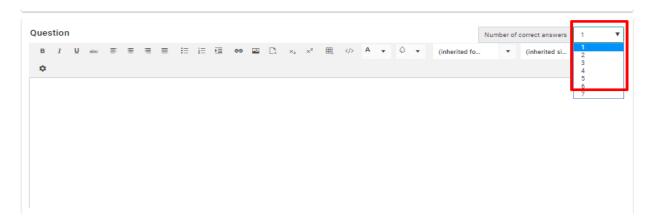
To create a multiple-choice question...

Select the interaction type as 'choice'





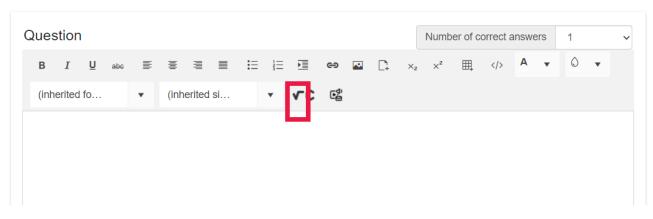
Use the drop-down to select the number of answers possible in the multiple-choice question. Use the text box to write the question. Feel free to take advantage of the tool bar to add images, tables, symbols, and other functions to build out your question.



How do I use mathematical symbols to build out my questions?

Select the "square root" icon on the toolbar to create mathematical equations. Once complete, select

'Ok' and the equation will show in the text box for your question or answer.







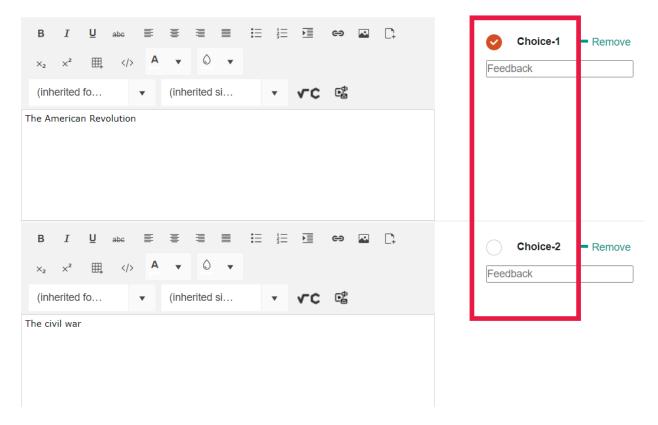


After creating your question, you are now ready to fill in the answer choices available to the students. Be sure to check the answer/response that is correct

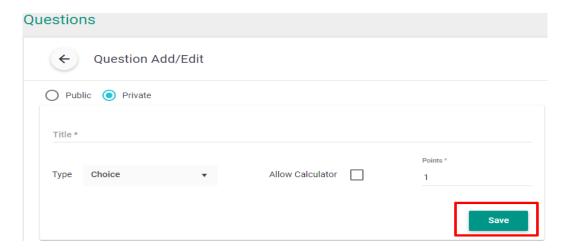


Note: The equation building tool is available here as well by clicking the "square root" icon.

Answers



Check to confirm that the information is correct, then select 'Save' and the question is now available for use. The question will show in the item bank and can now be used to create assessments.



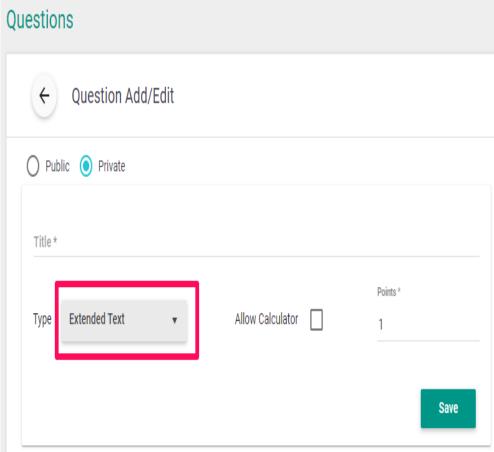


How do I create an extended response question?

To create an extended response question...

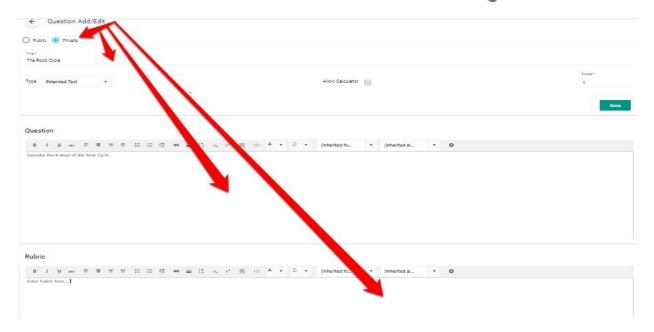


Using the drop-down box, select 'Extended Text' as the interaction type



Like a multiple-choice question, you can choose to make the question private or public, give the question a title, and write the description of the question in the text field provided. For this question type, you likely will want to add a rubric to the question. You can copy/paste a rubric into the text box or use the tool bar to create the rubric inside of Focal Point. Once complete, enter save.

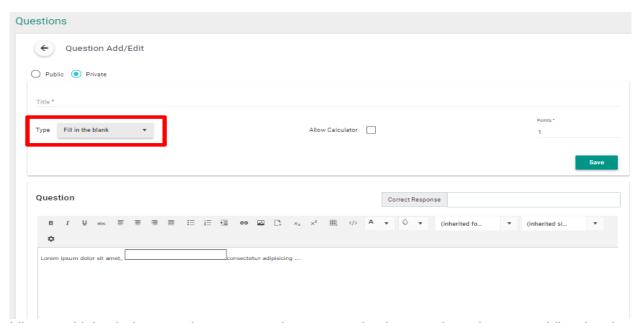




How do I create a Fill in The Blank Question?

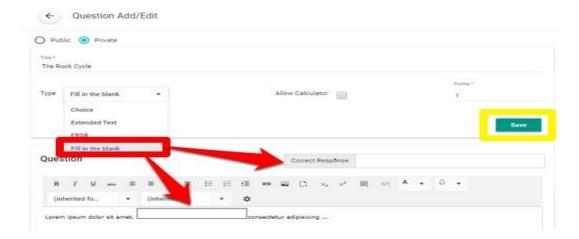
To create a Fill in the Blank Question...

Using the drop-down box, select 'Fill in the Blank' as the interaction type.



Like a multiple-choice question, you can choose to make the question private or public, give the question a title, and write the description of the question in the text field provided. For this question type, you will likely want to add the question along with the correct answer in the box as shown in the figure below. Once complete, enter save.





How do I create an Evidence-Based Selected Response Question (EBSR)?

An Evidence-Based Selected Response (EBSR)—Combines a traditional selected-response question with a second selected-response question that asks students to show evidence from an associated text that supports the answer they provided to the first question.

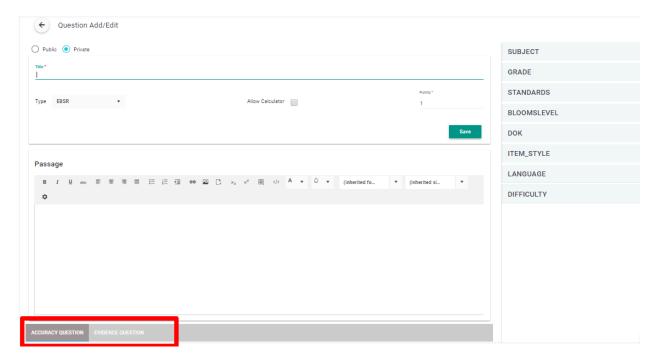
To create an EBSR (Evidence Based Selected Response) ...

Like multiple choice and extended text, select the Interaction Type 'EBSR' in the dropdown box, give the question a title, and choose if you want the question to be Public or Private. An EBSR question includes an associated narrative or passage for students to read. You will add this narrative/passage in the designated text box. Once complete, enter the 'Accuracy' question and the 'Evidence' Question using the corresponding tabs.

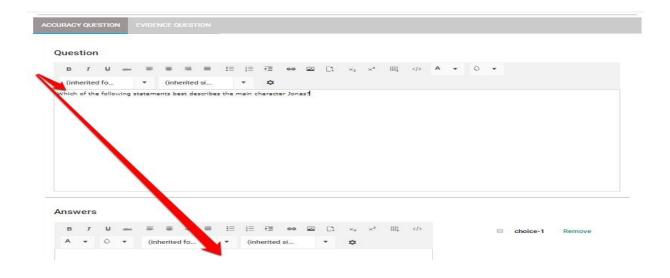


Like multiple choice and extended text, select the Interaction Type 'EBSR' in the dropdown box, give the question a title, and choose if you want the question to be Public or Private. An EBSR question includes an associated narrative or passage for students to read. You will add this narrative/passage in the designated text box. Once complete, enter the 'Accuracy' question and the 'Evidence' Question using the corresponding tabs.





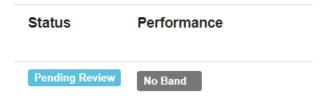
Record the Question, the various answer choices, and select the correct response for both the Accuracy and Evidence question. Once complete, select 'Save' and the EBSR question is now available in the item bank.



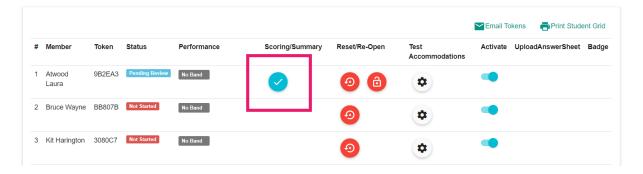


How do I score extended text & constructed response questions using rubrics?

When students complete an assessment that includes extended response or essay, a
teacher must score these questions. Questions that originate from our item bank partners
already include the associated rubrics. For questions created by teachers, rubric must be
created as described earlier in this Guide. Until scored by the teacher, scores will show as
'Pending Review' (for both teachers and students) until the teacher has scored them.

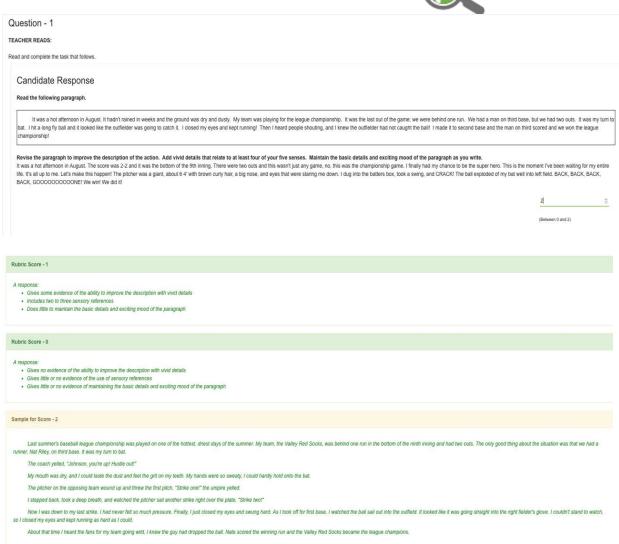


 To score the constructed response questions, click on the 'Score Test' button beside each student.



 You will then be able to review the student response and score the response based on the rubric embedded into the platform. The Rubric provides success criteria for each level of scoring and sample responses as well.





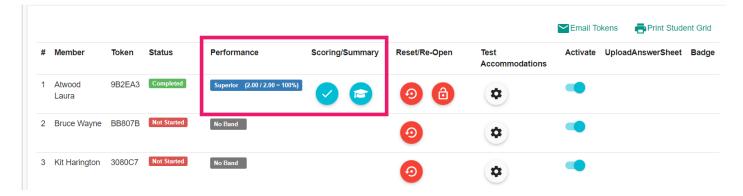
 Once finished, select 'Submit Scoring' and you will receive a confirmation showing that the assessment has successfully been scored.







 Within the 'Assessment Details', both Teacher and the students will both be able to view the results of the assessment along with the test summary noting details and feedback.



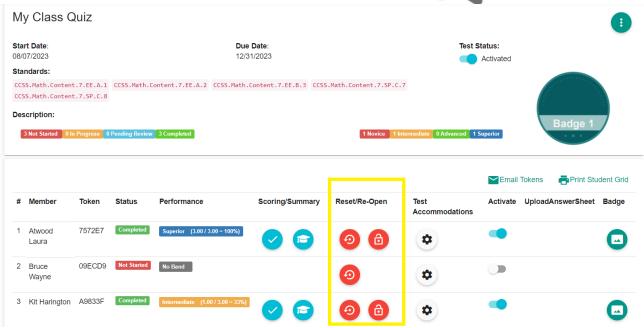
How to reset/reopen the student assessment?

Teacher can reset or reopen the student assessment from assessment details. Reopen is available for the student assessments that are already submitted.

Reset: This will reset the assessment, including the student's answers and scoring.

Reopen: This will reopen the assessment, so the student can continue working. This option will not erase the student's answers or scoring.



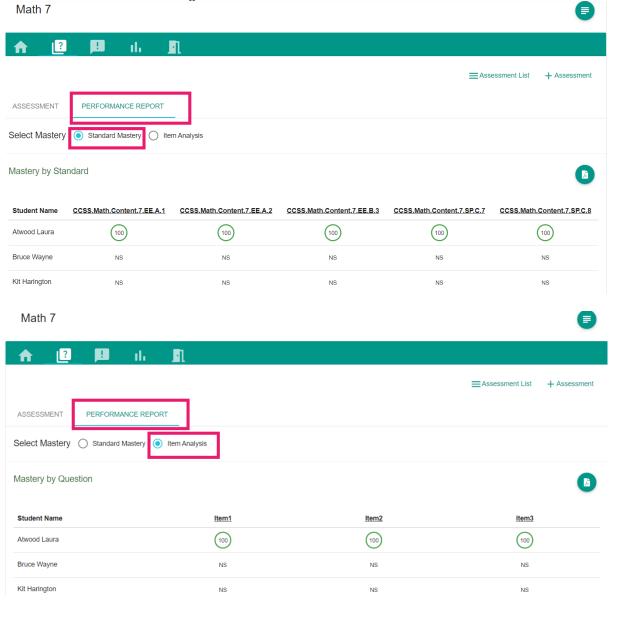




Accessing Performance Reports

How can I access real-time performance reports immediately after a test has been administered?

The Performance Report Tab is available to view standards mastery results and results by question immediately following an assessment. The performance report can be printed and used as a reference for instructional planning and in providing students immediate feedback. Drillable Reports and additional analytics are available under the 'Data Dashboard' tab. Step by step instructions on how to access and use these reports are available later in the guide.

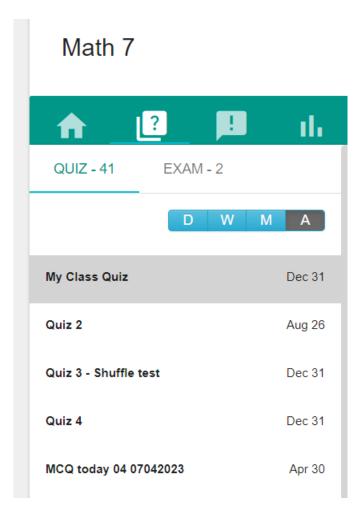




Data Dashboards, Reports, & Other Functions

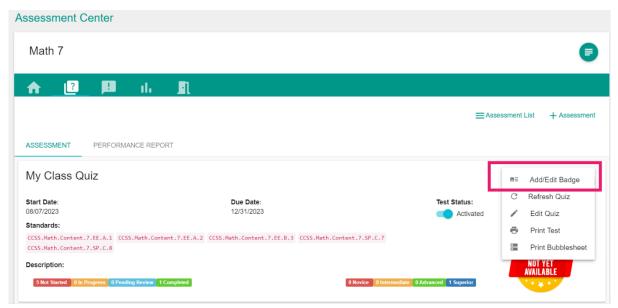
How do I create and use student badges?

 Badges can be created and awarded to students on any assessment in FocalPointK12. To create a Badge, go into Assessment by selecting the desired Assessment under 'Assessments'.

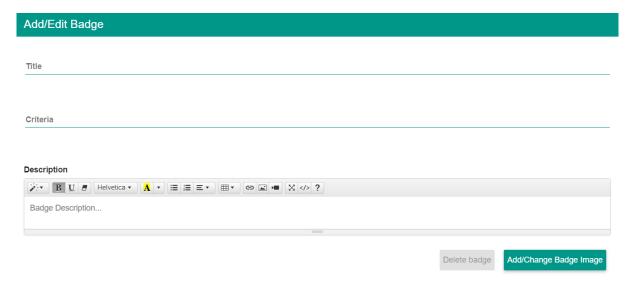




Select Add/Edit Badge

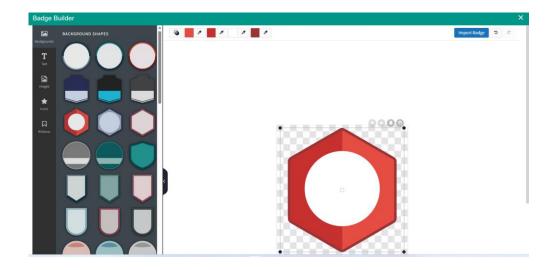


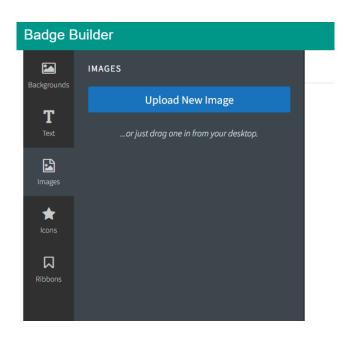
 Although not required, you have the option to record the criteria for earning the badge and a brief description of the badge by completing the appropriate fields.



• Click on 'Add/Change Badge Image' button. Next, use the Badge Creation tool to customize your own badge by choosing the shape, icon, font, border, and colors.



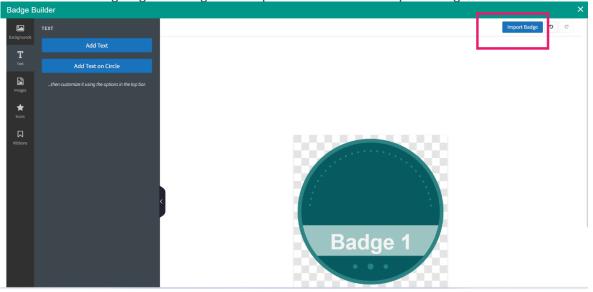






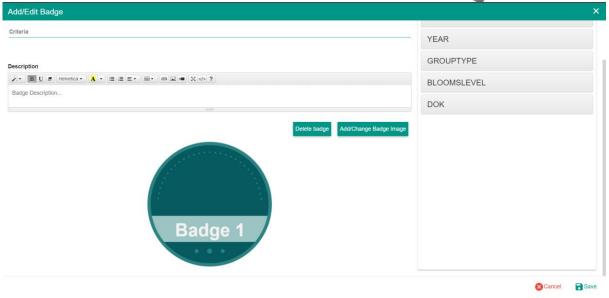


• After designing the badge is completed click on the import badge button.

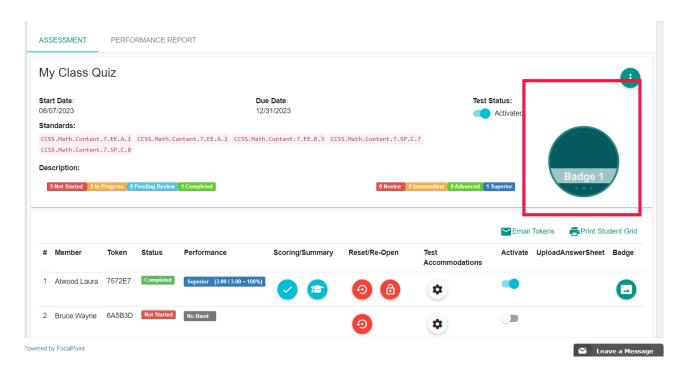


• Click 'Save' button at the bottom corner of the screen.



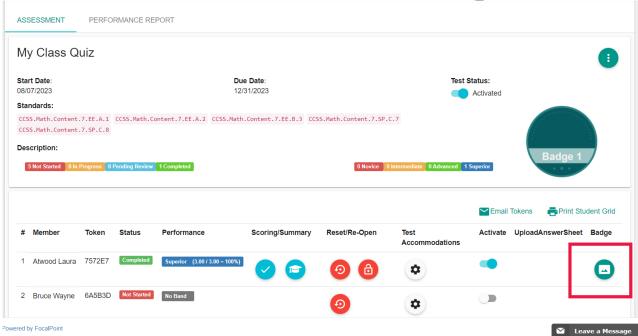


 The new Badge is now available in the Test Detail and is viewable to students in the course.



 Click on the 'image' icon in the 'Badge' column in the details against the student to award the badge.

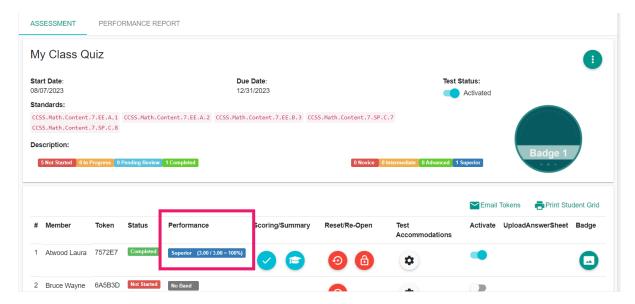




How do I view classroom & individual student results after a test in FocalPoint?

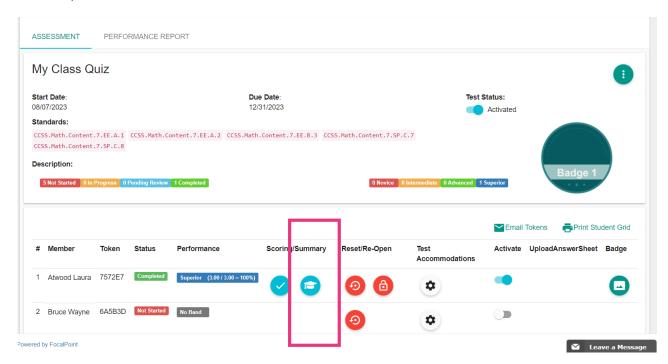
As soon as students complete their assessment, teachers have real-time access to view
performance results. These results show 'live' in the system on the 'Assessment' page.
Teachers and students can also click on the 'performance reports' tab to get a quick view of
performance at the standard and item level.





How do I view results for an individual student using Test Summary?

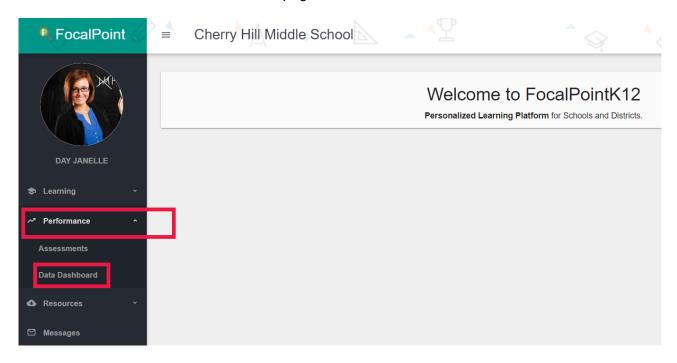
As soon as students complete their assessment, teachers have real-time access to view
performance results. These results show 'live' in the system on the Assessment page.
Teachers can also click on 'Test Summary' to view the results for an individual student at
question level.



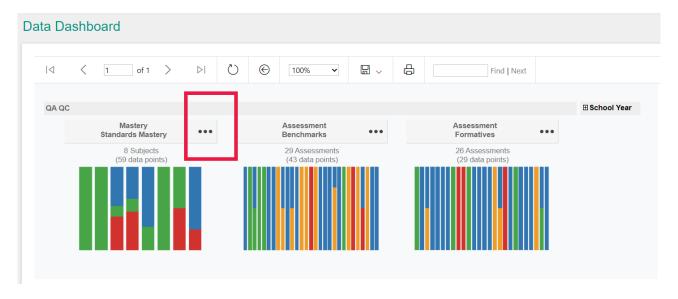


How do I access reports that show overall mastery of standards?

 To view assessment reports, select the 'Performance' menu and select 'Data Dashboards' tab located on the left side of the page.

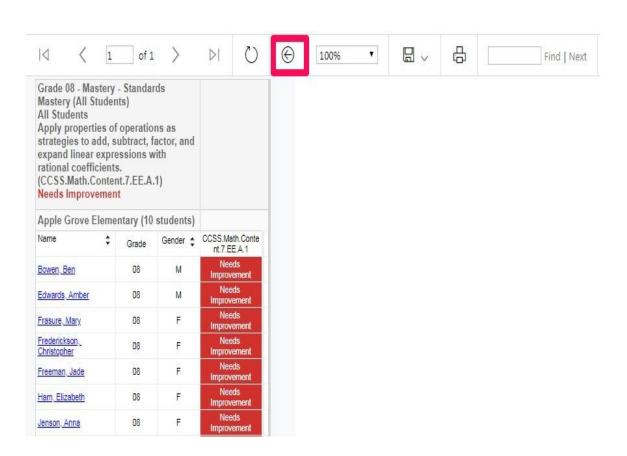


• In the AssessCloudTM, you have the option of viewing reports that show standards mastery, district assessment results, and classroom (Formative) assessment results. To view standards mastery reports, select on the 'Standards Mastery' charts.



Note: At any point in the reports, select the back arrow and it will take you back to the previous page/report you were viewing. This is a simple way to get back to where you started before drilling into the data.







• The Standards-Mastery reports are available for each course/class you teach. Student rosters are updated daily and sync with your district's student information system.



Teachers can view Standards-Mastery reports by clicking on the bars that show the
performance bands, the blue arrow to the right of the bars which provides more details, and
by clicking on the subject hyperlink giving you a general overview of performance across
domains/standards.

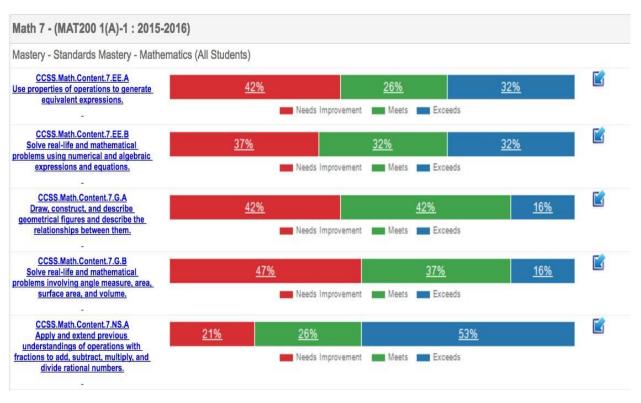
When clicking on the subject hyperlink...



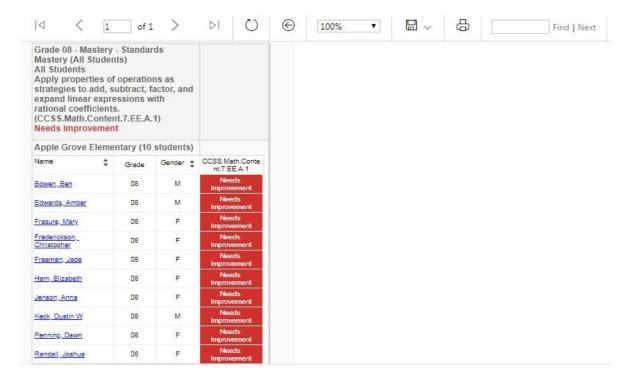
When clicking on the blue arrow icon...





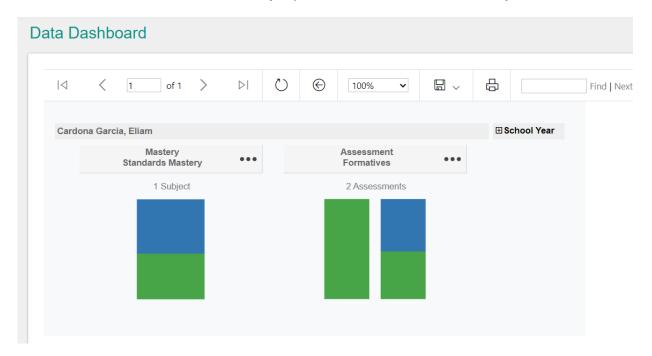


Throughout the reports, all the bars are drill-able allowing the teacher to dig deeper into the
data and gain further insight into how students are performing. You can then click on a
domain or individual student to view individual student reports and additional reports.



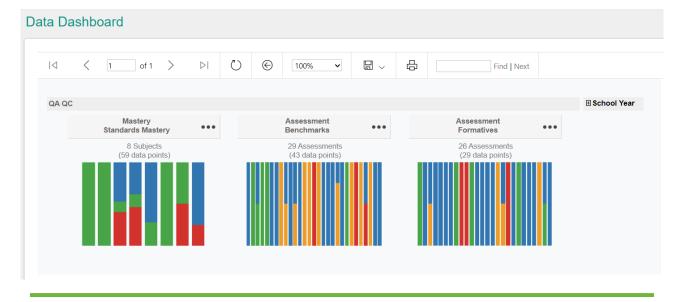


• Selecting an individual student takes you to the student learner profile. This learner profile includes all assessment mastery reports for a student across all subjects and assessments.



How do I access reports that show performance on district (or school-level) benchmark & all classroom assessments?

There are separate charts for Benchmark Assessments and Formative (Classroom)
 Assessments. Clicking on either of these charts gives you all tests administered in the
 AssessCloudTM. The tests are sorted by each course/section you teach giving you quick
 access to drill down and access reports for data analysis and instructional planning.





How do I access reports that show performance levels on all students in my class?

 Click on Assessment Formative Chats. Now Teachers have access to a color-coded dashboard beside the name of each assessment that shows the percentage of students at the beginning, developing, proficient, and distinguished on the test. Teacher can click on any of the performance bands to access the list of students who performed at that level.



Clicking on a performance band allows access to list of students who performed at that level...



How do I access reports that show both classroom and individual student assessment analysis?

The data dashboards give teachers the flexibility to drill down into various reports. To access these reports, follow the steps below:

Select the test by clicking on the name of the test.





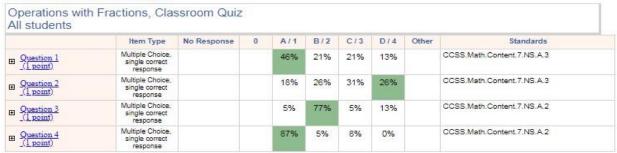
 Once you've selected the test, you have the option to drill into and analyze results as a combined total of all students or on any student individually by clicking on any of the colorcoded circles.

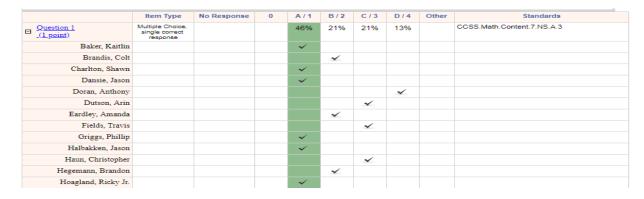


Once you've clicked on a circle (combined score or individual student score), you can view
a report that shows how student(s) answered each question, the type of question, and the
standard(s) aligned to that item.



Assessment Item Analysis





• Clicking on the + symbol to the left of the question expands the report allowing you to see the list of students who took the assessment and how they answered the question.

How do I access reports that show results by question?



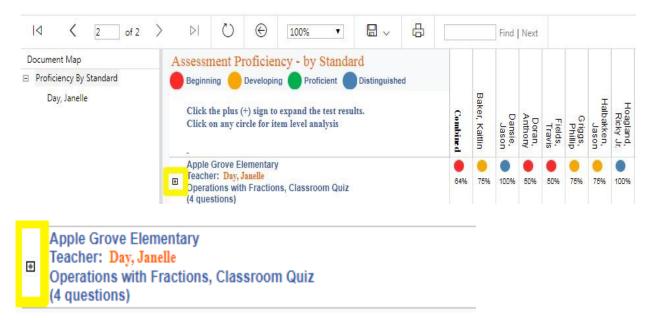
How do I access reports that show results by domain and standard?

• Click on the name of the assessment you wish to review.

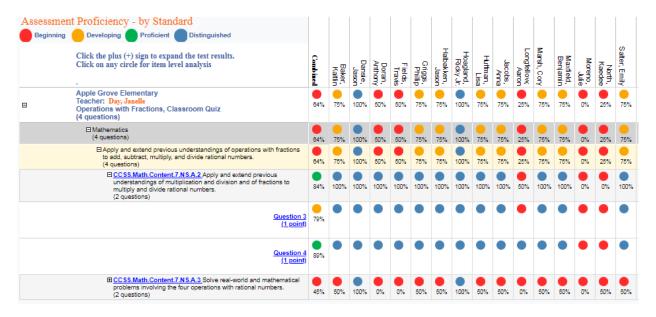


• Use the + symbol on the left to expand and provide additional reporting.





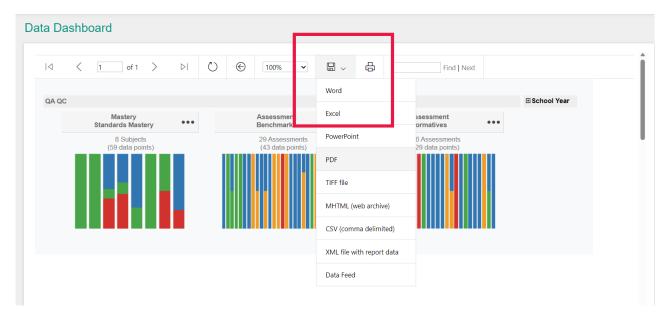
• Continue using the + symbol to expand the report to show results on all questions based on Domain, Standard(s), and questions.



How do I print reports and/or convert reports to other formats?

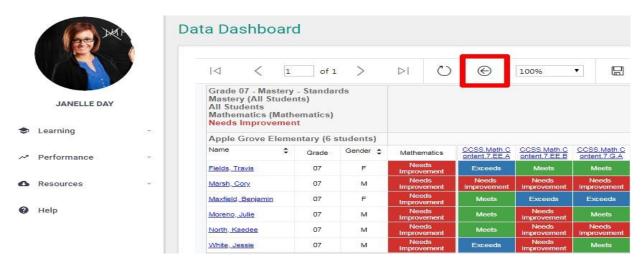
 When viewing reports, teachers have the option to print/convert reports into a variety of formats that include XML, CSV, PDF, MHTML, EXCEL, & TIFF. To print a report or to convert the data into another format, use the drop-down menu coming from the 'disk icon' located at the top of the page.





How do I navigate my way back to other reports after drilling into various data?

 At any point in the reports, select the blue arrow and it will take you back to the previous page/report you were viewing. This is a simple way to get back to where you started before drilling into the data.





Accessing Assessment Dashboards

How can I access real time assessment reports immediately after an assessment is scored?

How to reopen the student assessment How to reset the token