

High Quality Assessment Content Validity Review Tool

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Content Area: High School Mathematics
Name of Assessment: NYSED1-Algebra
Reviewer: Content Collaborative
Date of Review: Sept 20, 2012

Assessment Profile	
Item Types - check all that apply (note: there is often overlap among certain item types):	Check All That Apply
Selected Response (multiple choice, true-false, matching, etc.)	x
Short Answer (short constructed response, fill in a graphic organizer or diagram, explain your thinking or solution, make and complete a table, etc.)	x
Extended Response (essay, multi-step response with explanation and rationale required for tasks)	x
Product (research paper, editorial, log, journal, play, poem, model, multimedia, art products, script, musical score, portfolio pieces, etc.)	
Performance (demonstration, presentation, science lab, dance or music performance, athletic performance, debate, etc.)	
Process (creation, development, design, exploration, imagining, visualization, experimentation, invention, revision)	
The assessment includes:	Check All That Apply
Teacher directions (may include prerequisites/description of instruction before giving the assessment e.g., this assessment should be given after students have learned ...)	x
Scoring Guide/Rubric	x
Sample evidence to show what student performance might look like	
Materials (if needed to complete the assessment)	
Estimated time for administration	x
Student Directions & Assessment Task/Prompt – what does the student see/use?	x
Other: Descriptions of alternative solutions	x

A high quality assessment should be...Aligned

Alignment	Rating Column	Comments
1a.		Main conceptual focus is algebra
Grade Level(s): 9-10		
Indicate the Colorado Academic Standards and Grade Level Expectations evaluated by the Assessment: MA10-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.1; MA10-GR.HS-S.1-1GLE.2; MA10-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.3; MA10-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.3; MA10-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.1; MA10-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.2; MA10-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.4; MA10-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.2; MA10-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3; MA10-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.1; MA10-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2		
Indicate the intended DOK range of the Grade Level Expectations:		
Indicate the intended DOK of the assessment (list DOK levels) : 1, II, III		
1b. Describe the content knowledge/concepts assessed by the set of items or the performance task: creating and solving linear and exponential equations, graphing quadratics, probability, systems of equations, volume, Pythagorean theorem, right triangle trigonometry		
1c. List the skills/performance assessed: symbolic manipulation, standards of mathematical practice 2, 4, 5, 6		
1d. To what extent do you see a strong content match between the set of items reviewed or the task and the corresponding Colorado Academic Standard/s? Use the definitions below to select your rating.		

<input type="checkbox"/> Full match – all tasks or items fully address or exceed the relevant skills and knowledge described in the corresponding state standard/s. <input type="checkbox"/> Close match – most tasks or items address the relevant skills and knowledge described in the corresponding state standard/s. <input type="checkbox"/> Partial match – many tasks or items partially address the skills and knowledge described in the corresponding state standard/s. <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal match – some tasks or items match some relevant skills and knowledge described in the corresponding state standard/s. <input type="checkbox"/> No match – task or most items are not related to the skills and knowledge described in the corresponding state standard/s.		
Please provide evidence from both the standards and assessment to support your response: All items with the exception of "sale" item are fully aligned.		
	Full Match=5; Close Match=4; Partial Match=3; Minimal Match=2; No Match= 1	
Aligned to Colorado Academic Standards Rating	4	
	Rating Column	Comments
1e. Are the set of items or tasks reviewed as cognitively challenging as the grade level expectations? Use the definitions below to select your rating. <input type="checkbox"/> More rigorous – most items or the tasks reviewed are at a higher DOK level than the range indicated for the grade level expectations. <input type="checkbox"/> Similar rigor – most items or the task reviewed are similar to the DOK range indicated for the grade level expectations. <input type="checkbox"/> Less rigor – most items or the task reviewed are lower than the DOK range indicated for the grade level expectations. Please provide evidence from both the grade level expectations and assessment to support your response:		
	Similar Rigor=2, More Rigor=1, Less Rigor=1	
Rigor Level Rating	2	

A high quality assessment should be...Scored using Clear Guidelines and Criteria

Scoring Guide Present	Check all that apply:	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Answer key, scoring template, computerized/machine scored <input type="checkbox"/> Generalized Rubric (e.g., for persuasive writing, for all science labs) <input type="checkbox"/> Task-Specific Rubric (only used for the particular task) <input type="checkbox"/> Checklist (e.g., with score points for each part) <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Observation Sheet/ Observation Checklist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x <input type="checkbox"/>	General rules for applying the scoring guide
	Rating Column	
2a. Does the rubric/scoring criteria align to Colorado Academic Standards in this assessment. Provide an explanation of your response: Rubric mapped to content strands.	Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
Rubric Aligned to Standards Rating	2	
2b. Are the score categories clearly defined and coherent across performance levels? Provide an explanation of your response: The proficiency levels are matched to content strands not performance levels.	Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
Rubric/Scoring Coherent Rating	2	
2c. To what degree does the rubric/scoring criteria address all of the demands within the task or item? Provide and explanation of your response. Rubric matches each question with multiple possible answers	High=3, Moderate=2, Low or None=1	
Rubric/Scoring Aligned with Task Rating	3	
2d. Based on your review of the rubric/scoring criteria, do you think the scoring rubric would most likely lead different raters to arrive at the same score for a given response.	Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
Rubric/Scoring Different Raters Same Rating	3	

2e. Is there student work (e.g., anchor papers, video, portfolio) which illustrates student mastery? If so, describe. If not, what student work would be needed? No student work is provided. Sample student work at each proficiency level for the extended response questions (part 2 and part 3 of the assessment) are needed.	Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
Student Work Samples Rating	1	

A high quality assessment should be...FAIR and UNBIASED

FAIR and UNBIASED <i>(the areas below should be discussed relative to the needs of ELLs, gifted and talented students, and students with disabilities)</i>	Rating Column	Comments
3a. To what extent are most of the items or the tasks designed and formatted to be visually clear and uncluttered (e.g., use of white space, graphics, and illustrations)? Provide an explanation of your response: Clear and no clutter	High=3, Moderate=2, Low=1	
Clear & Uncluttered Rating	3	
3b. To what extent are most of the items or the task presented in as straightforward a way as possible for a range of learners? Provide an explanation of your response: Clear, concise questions with multiple ways to approach.	High=3, Moderate=2, Low=1	
Straight Forward Rating	3	
3c. To what degree is the vocabulary and context(s) presented by most of the items or task free from cultural or other unintended bias? Provide an explanation of your response: Clear concise mathematical language.	High=3, Moderate=2, Low=1	
Free of Cultural or Unintended Bias Rating	3	
3d. Does the assessment use appropriate levels of academic language for the grade and content area? Provide an explanation of your response. CAS language is used in a clear, concise way.	Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
Academic Language Rating	3	
3e. Does the assessment limit the usage of words that can be confused with one another (homonyms)? (Examples: ate/eight; sell/cell; allowed/aloud; beet/beat; by/buy).	Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
Confusing Language Rating	3	
*Please reference "Defining Features of Academic Language in WIDA's Standards" http://wida.us/searchResults.aspx?cx=0001878867407992537742:bjkids4gwcyc&cof=FORID:10&q=Defining%20Features%20of%20Academic%20Language		
3f. If applicable, what type of accommodations are provided to ensure that English Learners and/or Students with Disabilities can fully access the content represented by the task or set of items reviewed? <i>Accommodations are commonly categorized in five ways: presentation, response, setting, and timing and scheduling:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Presentation Accommodations —Allow students to access information in ways that do not require them to visually read standard print. These alternate modes of access are auditory, multi-sensory, tactile, and visual. o Response Accommodations —Allow students to complete activities, assignments, and assessments in different ways or to solve or organize problems using some type of assistive device or organizer. o Setting Accommodations —Change the location in which a test or assignment is given or the conditions of the assessment setting. o Timing and Scheduling Accommodations —Increase the allowable length of time to complete an assessment or assignment and perhaps change the way the time is organized. o Linguistic Accommodations—Allow English language learners (ELLs) to access academic construct measured by reducing the linguistic load of an assessment. The accommodation is based on an ELL's limited English language proficiency, which is different than an accommodation based on a student's disability or a cognitive need. 		
3g: Are there adequate accommodations permitted for this assessment? Provide an explanation of your response: Time and linguistic accommodations are needed.	Yes, Some identified=2; None identified =1	
Adequate Accommodations Allowed Rating	1	

A high quality assessment...Increases Opportunities to Learn

Opportunities to Learn <i>(the areas below should also be discussed relative to the needs of ELLs, gifted and talented students, and students with disabilities)</i>	Rating Column	Comments
		This assessment provides an opportunity to know what

4a. Does this assessment engage a student in thinking that connects to a real world, new context, situation, problem or challenge? Provide an explanation of your response: Math context not real world.	High=3; Moderate=2; Low or None=1	students learned in a course. It is recommended that this assessment be combined with an open ended question from MARS or the Dana Center.
Engagement Rating	1	
4b. To what extent do you think the knowledge and skills tested by the assessment can provide good information about what students have learned in the classroom? Provide an explanation of your response: Multiple layers of proficiency are addressed.	High=3; Moderate=2; Low or None=1	
Classroom Learning Rating	3	
4c. To what degree do the results from this assessment (scores and student work analysis) foster meaningful dialogue about learning expectations and outcomes with students and parents? Provide an explanation of your response: Student work will provide next instructional steps.	High=3; Moderate=2; Low or None=1	
Learning Expectations/Outcomes Rating	3	
4d. To what extent do you believe the assessment can clearly communicate expectations for academic excellence (e.g., creativity, transference to other content areas or 21st Century skills) to students? Provide an explanation of your response: The constructed response is in the form of "show your work."	High=3; Moderate=2; Low or None=1	
Communicate Academic Excellence Rating	1	
4e. Based on the content evaluated by the task or the set of items reviewed, to what extent do you think teachers can use the results (scores and student work analysis) to understand what competency on standard/s look like? Provide an explanation of your response: The results will provide conversation about what students can do not what students can apply	High=3; Moderate=2; Low or None=1	
Competency on Standards Rating	1	
4f: Based on the content evaluated by the task or the set of items reviewed, to what extent do you think teachers can identify what purpose the assessment serves (e.g. diagnostic, report card grades, adjusting instruction, etc.)? Provide an explanation of your response: For each question the domain is clear. This assessment can be used as a diagnostic tool.	High=3; Moderate=2; Low or None=1	
Locate Evidence Rating	3	

Summary	Earned	Possible
Standards Rating	4	5
Rigor Rating	2	2
Subtotal	6	7
		85.7%
Rubric Aligned w/Standards Rating	2	3
Rubric/Scoring Coherent Rating	2	3
Rubric/Scoring Aligned with Task Rating	3	3
Inter-rater Reliability Rating	3	3
Student Work Samples Rating	1	3
Subtotal	11	15
		73.3%
Clear & Uncluttered Rating	3	3
Straight Forward Rating	3	3
Free of Cultural or Unintended Bias Rating	3	3
Academic Language Rating	3	3
Confusing Language Rating	3	3
Adequate Accommodations Allowed Rating	1	2
Subtotal	16	17
		94.1%
Engagement Rating	1	3
Reflects Classroom Learning Rating	3	3
Reflects Learning Expectations/Outcomes Rating	3	3

Communicates Academic Excellence Rating	1	3
Competency on Standards Rating	1	3
Locate Evidence Rating	3	3
Subtotal	12	18
		66.7%
Grand Total	45	57
		78.9%

This assessment is: Place an 'X' in the appropriate box

Fully Recommended	X
Partially Recommended	
Not Recommended	