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Compare Assessment Options: A guide for choosing an assessment

With a variety of educational assessments available to schools, choosing the one that's best for your students can be confusing and difficult. Consider these features and benefits when evaluating educational assessments.

Does your assessment serve multiple purposes?

Product Feature	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Star
Helps answer essential questions related to universal screening				✓
Use as often as weekly for RTI/MTSS implementations				✓
Measures student standards and skills mastery with computer-adaptive results and Star Custom skill checks				✓
Assign standard and/or skill-specific assessments to individual students, small groups, or entire grade levels				✓
Allows educators to create district benchmarks assessments				✓
Includes goal-setting tools to ensure you are setting the right goals for students and monitor progress with computer-adaptive or CBM measures				✓
Measures the skills required to screen for characteristics of dyslexia and other reading difficulties				✓
Assesses early literacy, reading, and math performance in English and in Spanish				✓
Powers practice products in literacy and math to ensure students develop the skills they need to learn and grow				✓

Is your assessment powerful enough to provide the data you need to effectively drive student growth?

Product Feature	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Star
Maximizes instructional and practice time with assessments designed to deliver maximum results in minimal testing time				✓
Identifies what students know and what they are ready to work on using research-based learning progressions aligned to state-specific standards				✓
Includes a wide variety of high-quality instructional resources from trusted publishers				✓
Appropriate to be used for all students, grades K-12				✓
Provides data at the student, class, school, and district level immediately after testing				✓
Identifies state-specific Focus Skills™ – the most critical skills – that are essential for closing achievement gaps and improving student outcomes				✓
Identifies Transferable Skills and Focus Skills™ for assessments administered in Spanish to support educators helping emergent bilinguals understand English and Spanish commonalities and focus on what matters most				✓
Provides an in-depth picture of student performance and growth with the combination of Star computer-adaptive tests and Star curriculum-based measures				✓

Provides data visualizations for administrators that can be easily viewed by school, grade, demographics, and more				✓
Allows administrators to create and monitor performance of user-defined student groups (at-risk, intervention, etc.)				✓
Visualize up to five years of student data and compare student metrics by school, grade, demographics, and more.				✓
Provides reporting and learning progressions for assessments in English and Spanish so you know exactly which skills your students are ready to work on in both languages				✓

Is your assessment proven and predictive?

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Provides data you can trust . Supported by research and backed by reliability and validity studies				✓
Highly rated by the National Center for Intensive Intervention for screening and progress monitoring				✓
Includes a proven growth measure (SGP) for assessments in English and Spanish to help determine if students achieved above, below, or expected growth				✓
Accurately predicts performance of state-summative exams				✓
Accurately predicts college readiness on ACT and SAT college and career readiness exams				✓