

# School Designs Benchmarks

## A “no-excuses” commitment to accountability

EdisonLearning’s commitment to student achievement and individualized learning led to the creation of Benchmarks, a uniquely powerful component of *EdisonLearning™* School Designs.

## Harnessing data to improve instruction

EdisonLearning Benchmarks are formative assessments that provide data on student learning progress toward end-of-year standards. Benchmarks make it much easier for teachers and other users to diagnose each student’s knowledge throughout the school year and adjust instruction to improve learning outcomes.

The interim Benchmark assessments are designed to be administered monthly, within a single class period, beginning at grade 2 in the academic disciplines of reading and mathematics. Tests are automatically scored and results are instantly accessible by teachers and students. The variety of reports provides a powerful and immediate assessment of class and individual student strengths and weaknesses.

Our robust, user-friendly assessment system...

- leverages technology to deliver important learning data.
- supports teachers by providing relevant assessment content.
- is easy to administer and offers automatic scoring and flexible reports.
- features multiple variants such as monthly and longitudinal views and strand and skill analysis by class, student and sub-group.
- easily drills down to individual questions highlighting class response patterns.
- saves time thereby allowing teachers to focus on necessary instructional responses.

Benchmark assessments advance teaching and learning in several important ways:

- Teachers receive quick and reliable feedback on how every student is progressing toward mastery of state standards, enabling them to make real-time adjustments as necessary, improving instructional effectiveness and efficiency.
- Access to results helps students set individual learning goals and monitor progress, enabling them to take ownership of their own learning.
- Administrators benefit from information about strengths and weaknesses of whole classes and grade levels.
- School leaders and teachers are trained on using and analyzing the data that Benchmarks provide. This support ensures that schools get the most out of the system.

A final resounding benefit of EdisonLearning Benchmarks is that they not only improve achievement results, but they are often cited by our clients as a positive contributor to an achievement-driven culture.

## The EdisonLearning commitment to innovation

EdisonLearning develops and refines Benchmarks continually, piloting new technology and rolling out improvements based on input from leaders, teachers, administrators and students at hundreds of schools across the country. The scale of the research, feedback and the resulting enhancements to Benchmarks is a distinct advantage that offers significant return each school year for our partners.

## Find out more

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