

# Focused Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)

Interim Assessments that Provide More Specific, Actionable Data on Student Performance



Focused IABs are designed to measure smaller bundles of content than IABs—focused IABs assess 1–3 targets—to give teachers a more detailed understanding of student learning and provide teachers with precise next steps for instruction.

Educators can explore the details of all 121 fully accessible focused IABs on [Smarter Content Explorer](#). There are 63 ELA/literacy focused IABs and 58 math focused IABs. There are typically 10 to 18 items in IABs, and typically 10 to 15 items in focused IABs.



## Focused Interim Assessment Blocks

Assess 1–3 targets in ELA/literacy or math.

*Examples:*

- Grade 3 ELA, Research: Use Evidence
- Grade 3 Math, Time, Volume, and Mass



## Interim Assessment Blocks

Assess 1–8 targets in ELA/literacy or math.

*Examples:*

- Grade 3 ELA, Reading Literary Texts
- Grade 3 Math, Operations and Algebraic Thinking



## Interim Comprehensive Assessments

Assess a broad range of targets, similar to the summative.

*Examples:*

- Grade 3 ELA
- Grade 3 Math

## Spotlight: Interim Connections Playlists

Each focused IAB has a corresponding [Tools for Teachers Interim Connections Playlist](#) that helps educators match student performance on focused IABs to specific topics and find related instructional resources to use in the classroom the very same day. Playlists can also be used as part of an observational tool, to support student goal setting, or provide guidance on various differentiation needs.

“The data that we receive from the Interim Assessment Blocks is **immediate**. I’m able to see it right away. I can then reevaluate my lesson plans for the next day.”

–Elementary Teacher, Oregon