

**FAQs for Using Ohio Career Technical Competency Assessments  
as Category B Vendor-Approved Assessments for Teacher Effectiveness**

**1. Are districts required to use category B ODE-approved vendor assessments for teacher evaluations?**

The district is not required to use ODE-approved vendor assessments. There are other ways to measure student progress through locally determined measures (e.g., student learning objectives).

**2. If a district uses a category B ODE-approved vendor assessment, do they have to use the data?**

If a district uses ODE-approved vendor assessments in the way the vendor prescribes and the district receives a student growth report with a teacher effectiveness rating, then they are required to use the data as part of the teacher effectiveness evaluation.

**3. Does ODE-approved vendor assessment data have to account for the entire student growth measure on a teacher evaluation?**

No. If there are locally determined measures (e.g., student learning objectives) available, districts can combine those with ODE-approved vendor assessment data to comprise the student growth measure. If the district is in receipt of ODE-approved vendor assessment data, it must comprise a minimum of 10% up to the full student growth measure.

**4. Who determines what percentage of ODE-approved vendor assessment data is used to calculate student growth?**

The district determines the extent to which the ODE-approved vendor assessment data is used in defining the student growth measure.

**5. Does the district have to use the same ODE-approved vendor assessment for all schools within the district, including middle schools?**

The district should develop an overall plan, with input from teachers, for using student growth measures for teacher evaluation. Whenever possible, the goal is district-wide consistency.

**6. How is a student growth measure determined if a teacher is responsible for multiple courses?**

If ODE-approved vendor assessment and/or local measures (e.g., student learning objectives) are used, the student growth measure for teacher effectiveness should be proportional and reflect their teaching schedule.

**7. Do all teachers in the same department or grade in a district have to use the same percentage of ODE-approved vendor assessment data for student growth measures?**

Whenever possible, the goal is district-wide consistency. The district should develop an overall plan, with input from teachers, for using student growth measures for teacher effectiveness. There may be instances, however, when certain teachers need different percentages to comprise the student growth measure. For example, the district may decide to use the ODE-approved vendor assessment data for the minimum 10% of a student growth measure for new teachers, but for the full measure for seasoned teachers.

**8. Who will generate the teacher effectiveness rating for the Ohio Career Technical Competency Assessment?**

The vendor will measure student growth and generate a teacher effectiveness rating of 1 to 5 using the pre-test and post-test comparison.

**9. How will teacher effectiveness ratings be developed for the Ohio Career Technical Competency Assessment?**

The vendor will gather input from teachers and CTE administrators to link student growth scores to teacher effectiveness ratings (i.e., Accomplished to Ineffective).

**10. Since the end-of-course exams are required for career technical education programs, does the district have to use the pre-test option?**

No. However, if a district uses ODE-approved vendor assessments in the way the vendor prescribes and the district receives a student growth report and teacher effectiveness rating, then they are required to use the data as part of the teacher effectiveness evaluation.

**11. When will the pre-tests be available for the Ohio Career Field Pathway End of Course tests?**

The release of pre-tests will be staggered due to item writing and the field testing cycle. For the 2014-15 school year, pretests will be offered in fall and winter windows; August 25-September 15 (2014) and January 2-21 (2015). For a list of available pre-tests for the 2014-15 school year, visit [www.webxam.org](http://www.webxam.org).

**12. When will the teacher effectiveness ratings be reported to districts by the vendor?**

The vendor will provide teacher effectiveness ratings to districts by May 1 for the 2014-15 school year per Ohio Revised Code 3319.111(C)(1). Release of the ratings data could be earlier than May 1 depending on when students pre-test and post-test. The vendor will have additional information available on release after launch.

**13. What is the cost to the district for using Ohio Career Technical Competency Assessments?**

The total pre-test cost, including teacher effectiveness data, is \$1.00 per student. The charge will not be assessed until the data are reported back to the district (rather than at time of test administration).

For more information on Ohio's Teacher Evaluation System:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Evaluation-System/Ohio-s-Teacher-Evaluation-System>