

KEY



Who fulfills this role?



What is involved in this step?

DRAFTING OF NEW ITEMS



Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and American Institute for Research (AIR)



ODE and the vendor work together to set item development goals. Then the vendor creates items from the Ohio Learning Standards based on test blueprints.

REVIEW OF NEW ITEMS



Content Advisory Committee



Ohio educators review test items to ensure that the questions are valid and appropriate measures of the content standards for each subject area and grade level.

FIELD TESTING OF NEW ITEMS



ODE, AIR and Ohio Students



Reviewed items are placed on the operational tests to check the quality and appropriateness of the items. These items do not count towards a student's overall score.

SCORING OF FIELD TESTED ITEMS



ODE and AIR



During this stage, field tested items are scored and data are compiled to be sent for review.

BUILDING OPERATIONAL TESTS



ODE and AIR



Test forms are built based on the test blueprint using the eligible items from the test bank.

REVISION OF NEW ITEMS



ODE



ODE content and assessment specialists review and revise the initial drafts of test items.

REVIEW OF NEW ITEMS*



Fairness Committee



This committee of Ohio educators, parents, and community members review and evaluate test questions to ensure that each question is fair, unbiased, and does not promote individual moral values.

RUBRIC VALIDATION & RANGE-FINDING OF FIELD TESTED ITEMS



Range-finding Committee



A committee of Ohio educators review student responses and scoring guidelines for open-ended questions. The committee uses a rubric to establish the range of acceptable responses for each question.

DATA REVIEW OF FIELD TESTED ITEMS



ODE and AIR



Content and fairness review processes evaluate the field test performance of each item. Items that perform well on the field test are accepted into the test bank. Items that perform poorly are either removed or are edited and repeat the development process.

**High school items go through an additional review by college experts before field testing.*