**Ohio’s State Tests**

**Item Development Sequence**

**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.

**REVISION OF NEW ITEMS**
ODE
ODE content and assessment specialists review and revise the initial drafts of test items.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**BUILDING OPERATIONAL TESTS**
ODE and AIR
Test forms are built based on the test blueprint using the eligible items from the test bank.

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