Adaptive Instruction + Practice for Students in Grades 6–8

Are your students ready for the SBAC Summative Assessments? Are they getting sufficient practice with technology-enhanced items at the level of rigor demanded by the Common Core? Do your teachers have standards-based data on every student?

As a companion to any core curriculum, UpSmart offers students adaptive assessment, instruction, and practice with grade-level skills and technology-enhanced items, while teachers get detailed data to assess the effectiveness of their instruction and students’ readiness for the SBAC Summative Assessments.

UpSmart + SBAC

GRADE-LEVEL STANDARDS

UpSmart covers the full range of assessment claims and targets SBAC designed to assess student proficiency in each grade. The items designed for UpSmart were modeled after the items and tasks that students will encounter on the SBAC assessments. For example, in ELA our items ask students to support their answers with evidence from the text, just as they are asked to do on test day.

TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED ITEMS

UpSmart requires students to demonstrate higher-order thinking skills in solving complex problems and tasks, leveraging technology-enhanced item types they will encounter on the SBAC assessments. UpSmart includes practice and assessment with tasks including matching items, table items, graphing, hot text, and more. These tasks challenge students to analyze, evaluate, and interpret information, as well as make inferences, draw conclusions, and apply knowledge to new situations.

DISTRIBUTION OF ITEM TYPES

UpSmart mirrors the frequency of how often an item-type appears and the purposeful way those item types were selected in order to assess a particular skill. Additionally, with a wide variety of technology-enhanced tasks, UpSmart requires students to approach the same skill from different perspectives. As a result, students also receive multiple exposures to critical mathematics and English language arts skills assessed on the SBAC.
How UpSmart Works

ADAPTIVE ASSESSMENT
Students begin each topic with a very short, targeted assessment designed to place students into the right level – bronze, silver, or gold – for that topic.

ADAPTIVE PERSONALIZED PRACTICE + INSTRUCTION
Each level features a highly adaptive set of technology-enhanced tasks that assess students’ mastery of skills and triggers appropriate scaffolds and instruction. UpSmart continuously accumulates data about each student’s understanding and adapts the difficulty of tasks and instruction, as well as the amount of practice, accordingly.

JUST-IN-TIME SUPPORT
When a student struggles with a topic, UpSmart provides scaffolds – topic introduction videos, hints, answer-specific feedback, and direct instruction and modeling – to help students complete the task and develop a deeper understanding of the skill that is being assessed.

Real-Time Reporting on Student Progress
UpSmart offers continuous access to data and metrics to help teachers and administrators answer important questions like, which skills and standards have my students mastered, and where do they still need to work?

The following reports are available to teachers and administrators:

- Progress by Standard: View progress against grade-level standards.
- Progress by Topic: Monitor student growth in each topic as students advance from level to level.
- Detailed View by Student: Drill down to the single-student view to see specific skills within a standard or topic.

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