



**STUDENT ASSESSMENTS FOR
TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATION SERVICE PROVIDER
PUBLICLY-AVAILABLE SERVICE SUMMARY**

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This form will be posted on the New York State Education Department's Web site and distributed through other means for all applications that are approved in conjunction with this RFQ to allow LEAs to understand proposed offerings in advance of directly contacting providers regarding potential further procurements.

Provider Information	
Name of Provider:	Discovery Education Assessment
Provider Contact Information:	Toll Free: 866-814-6685 Website: DiscoveryEducation.com/Assessments Email: AssessmentInfo@Discovery.com
Name of Product Proposed:	Discovery Education Interim Assessments
Does this product provide normative inferences about student growth? If so, how?	<p>Yes. Since Discovery's benchmark tests from Kindergarten through High School are all scored on the same vertical scale, interim assessments can be used to set growth targets and monitor student progress during the school year. DEA is calculating new national growth norms during 2011-12.</p> <p>The national norms will apply to three equated testing periods (Fall, Winter, and Spring). Normative growth can be determined by measuring a student's starting point on the Fall benchmark. DEA often calculates this starting point by proficiency group. In other words, for New York students, normative growth could be measured based on a student's starting Proficiency Level 1 to 4. Then normative growth for each starting proficiency level by the Spring benchmark can be broken down by deciles. Growth percentiles will be calculated from this normative process. Growth percentiles are measures of how much the student gained within one year relative to other students within the same initial performance level.</p>
What are the grade(s) the proposed product covers:	Discovery Education Assessments cover grade K-8 and High School.
What are the subject area(s) the proposed product covers?	Reading/Language Arts and Math

What are the technology requirements associated with the assessment?

Discovery Education Assessment offers access to our platform over the Internet (ASP model). There is no local installation, expense, or maintenance of servers or software. Because Discovery Education Assessment hosts and maintains the servers, schools need only an Internet connection for their computers. Discovery Education Assessment servers provide password protected access to online assessments and student data 24/7. The hosted environment is secure, robust and managed with all of the resources to assure that it is operational.

Discovery Education Assessment is specifically designed with the end user in mind. Our reports are designed to provide relevant and reliable information that is simple and easy to interpret. Just as we have taken this approach with our reports, we have designed all areas of our website with the intent of making the system robust, yet extremely easy for teachers to use. Teachers do not need to be statisticians or technology experts to use DEA. It is our job to make it easier on them so they can do what they do best...teach!

Below is a list of hardware and network requirements for optimum performance.

1.Bandwidth - In general, we have designed our testing system with low bandwidth in mind. Most pages are text with only a few small graphics. Tests indicate that our high bandwidth tests currently use under 60kB outbound and under 550kB inbound. This indicates that even low 768 kbps schools should be able to simultaneously handle around over 400 online assessments in a period of fifty minutes (assumes 80% of maximum bandwidth).

2.Caching - Discovery Education recommends:

- Do NOT cache HTML or PHP files
- DO cache all images (GIF, JPG).

3.Ports - The ONLY port we require (currently) is that for HTTP which is port 80. Discovery has occasionally used port 8080 for workaroud. SSL support requires use of HTTPS port 443.

4."Transfer of Data Time" - All data for a student's test is synchronized/transferred as the student moves from page to page throughout a test.

5.Hardware - Virtually any computer manufactured in the past twelve years should have no issues with Discovery Education assessments.

6.OS -Discovery Education assessments have never encountered a problem with an operating system. It is assumed to be compatible with all major operating systems.

7.Internet Browsers: Discovery assessments are compatible with the following web browsers (most recent is always best):

- Firefox: version 1 and higher
- Internet Explorer: version 5 (MAC) and version 6 (WIN)
- Mozilla: version 1.6 and higher
- Netscape: version 6 and higher
- Safari.

8.Cookies - Cookie support is required and must be enabled. No personally identifiable information is stored in cookies. Cookies are only used for the duration of an individual student test login (i.e. the cookie is only required as long as the student is sitting in front of the computer for a given test session; a new cookie is issued if they logout and then later login again either returning to an existing test or starting a new test).

	<p>9.Java Script - JavaScript support is required and must be enabled. In particular, support for opening new windows (pop-up windows) is required. (JavaScript versions supported in the listed browser versions are satisfactory.)</p> <p>10.Java - Java is NOT required (nor used in the Discovery system).</p> <p>11.Other Plug-ins: •Flash Player 7 or higher to administer the Early Skills Assessment and view video clips as well as the Response to Intervention add-on .</p> <p>12.Viewing Reports - Adobe Acrobat Reader, v.6 or later, is required.</p>
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Please provide an overview of your application for LEAs. Please include:

- A description of the assessment;
- A description of how the assessment is used;
- A description of how scores are reported (include links to sample reports as appropriate);
- A description of how your organization supports implementation of the assessment, including any technical assistance. (3 pages max)