End-of-grades 8 & 10 complete & available



End-of-grades 2 - 7 anticipated Feb. 2010

Vermont

Item Bank Assessments

The Vermont Item Bank Assessments are tools designed to be used <u>locally</u> to monitor student progress in reading and mathematics. The Vermont Item Bank Assessments give educators <u>diagnostic</u> information aligned with VT Grade Expectations to inform their instruction and improve student learning.

Teachers may choose to use the assessments in a variety of ways:

- In their individual classrooms or other instructional settings
- As a common local assessment within a grade or school or department

The VT Item Bank assessments are housed at *Riverdeep/Learning Village*: http://rlv.education.vermont.gov

User name = vt.teacher

password = Vermont

Click on the Instructional Organizer tab and then the Activities/Assessments.

Search for the following by title --

- Math Grade 08 Item Bank GE # Assessment #
- Math Grade 08 Item Bank Progress Assessment #
- Reading Grade 10 Item Bank Literary Text Assessment #
- Reading Grade 10 Item Bank Progress Assessment #

Scroll to the bottom of the specific assessment page to find the attachments with the assessments and the answer keys.

The assessments include --

- ✓ Student-ready assessments;
- ✓ Wording of items designed to be accessible to the most number of students;
- ✓ A range of types of items (multiple choice, short answer, constructed response).

The answers keys provide --

- ✓ VT Grade Expectations alignment;
- ✓ Depth of Knowledge identification;
- ✓ Rationales for incorrect responses (MC) that demonstrate misconceptions or misunderstandings
- ✓ Sample responses for short answer and constructed response items.