

Assessment Blueprint Examples

Analyzing an Existing Assessment—Standards-Mapping Template: This blueprint is designed mostly to help separate out which standard each question addresses. This template is really good for anyone new to standards-focused assessments. The main purpose is to help students understand what bit of learning is connected to each question, so if they miss a question, they can identify the standard they need to focus on.

Question	Standard/Essential Learning

Analyzing an Existing Assessment—Standards & Depth of Knowledge: I would use this type of blueprint to help me figure out at what level of complexity each standard is addressed. This helps me know which standard to focus on with students after an assessment, and helps me create resources for specific small groups of students. (It can also help create leveled scores for each standard after the assessment.) For each row, you identify a standard addressed on the assessment, and then list the numbers of the questions that address that standard on the right, organized by Webb’s [Depth of Knowledge](#).

Standard	DoK 1	DoK 2	DoK 3	DoK 4

Building an Assessment—Standards-Mapping and Question Alignment: While the previous examples are designed to analyze an existing assessment to identify what standards connect to each question, this blueprint is designed to help build a new assessment and align it to standards. You identify the standard on the left, develop multiple questions (one per row) in the middle, and then identify the level of complexity (again using Webb’s Depth of Knowledge) and item type on the right to ensure you are creating a variety of questions to assess the learning.

Standard	Question	Level of Complexity	Item Type