



## Creating a Benchmark

1. Navigate to the Benchmarks tab and select the Create New Benchmark link.

### Mr. Eckard

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Sample Tennessee High School

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Benchmark Name:  **Name the assessment.**

Teacher: **Keep your name selected OR select "Shared Benchmark" to allow other teachers to use the benchmark.**

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Test: **Select the content area that the benchmark will cover.**

Allow Students to View Item Results upon Completion: ?  Yes  No

Allow Students to View Questions in Spanish: ?  Yes  No

Display Questions in Random Order: ?  Yes  No

Number of Answers per Question: ?  4  3

[Continue](#) **After specifying your preferences, click "Continue."**

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Choose your question mode. Basic Mode will create a summative test based on [actual test percentages](#). Custom Mode will allow you to browse and choose individual questions from any standards within the test.

**BASIC** **CUSTOM**

Click to select either "Basic" or "Custom" mode.

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Question Mode:  Basic  Custom

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Basic mode will choose questions based on [actual test percentages](#).

Length:

**Continue**

Continue and Skip to Preview

If "Basic" is selected, click here to choose either a Small, Medium, Large, or Actual Test Length.

Click "Continue" OR "Continue and Skip to Preview."

5. Additional options include the ability to sort questions by popularity and difficulty level. To include a question in the benchmark, click the box to the left of the question.

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Question Mode:  Basic  Custom


Select the questions you wish to use.


Standard:


All  None  Element Of Range

SA - Short answer version available  
QU - Question used on previous benchmark

Popularity:

Which graph represents a function? 

Which set is a function? 

Which set of ordered pairs does NOT represent a function? 

If "Custom" mode is selected, click here to choose a standard whose questions you would like to include in the benchmark.

Select the symbol to the left of the specific area you want to view questions for.

Click the checkbox to the left of any question to include it in the benchmark. A minimum of 5 questions must be chosen.

6. Questions you have previously marked as "Favorites" can be included in the benchmark by selecting "Yes, I want to add favorite questions." Click, "No, I do not want to add favorite questions" to move to the next tab.

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Favorite questions are questions you have authored or USATestprep questions you have previously flagged while creating a benchmark or browsing the site. You may also author questions specifically for this benchmark.

7. Performance Task activities can be added to the benchmark by selecting "Yes, I want to add Performance Tasks." If you select this button, you will be asked to select the specific area you want to view Performance Task items for.

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Performance Task activities are interactive assessments. Types of Performance Tasks include classifying, highlighting, labeling, matching, and ordering.

8. Free response questions are not auto-graded, so they must be manually graded upon student completion. If you select "Yes, I want to add free response," you will be asked to select the specific area you want to view Free Response items for.

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Free response questions are open-ended and require higher-order thinking skills. They are **not auto-graded**, so you will need to manually grade these items upon completion. Each free response question includes a suggested answer key, which may include a rubric, sample response, and keywords.

YES, I want to add FREE RESPONSE

NO, I do not want to add FREE RESPONSE

9. The "Preview" tab allows you to view the test in its entirety and make final edits before clicking "Save Benchmark." A question can be marked as a bonus question, removed from the test, or replaced with a similar question. Once all edits have been made, click the "Save Benchmark" button.

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Free Response

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[Replace with Similar Question](#) | [Remove Question](#)
 Bonus Question

Americium-241 is a radioactive substance used in smoke detectors. The half life of americium is 432 years. If a smoke detector initially contains 1 gram of Americium 241, how much will remain in 432 years?



A) 0.5g

B) 1.0g

C) 1.5g

D) 2.0g

Click on each tab displayed to preview that portion of the benchmark.



Stats



Question Feedback



Add to Favorites

Interactions of Matter

(SPI 3221.3.8) Nuclear Equations And Half-life Problems

10. If you do not want to assign the benchmark or print benchmark cards, simply click the "Home" button. If you ever forget which code to provide your students, this information is stored on your "Benchmarks" tab.

HOME > BENCHMARKS > CREATE BENCHMARK

# Create Benchmark

**Success!** Your benchmark test has been created.

**Name:** Sample Benchmark  
**Benchmark Code:** BUHUIOROFA  
**Teacher:** Sample Teacher  
**Date Created:** 03/07/2014  
**Test:** Analytic Geometry (CCGPS) EOCT

	Items	Points
<b>Questions:</b>	16	16
<b>Skill Work:</b>	1	4
<b>Free Response:</b>	1	10
<b>Total:</b>	18	30

**Assign This Benchmark**

OR

**Print Benchmark Cards**

Clicking "Assign This Benchmark" will enable you to set a start date and due date for the assignment. Students will be able to click a blue "Begin" button to take the test.

Electronically assign this benchmark to your students. They will log in and see the benchmark as an assignment on their home page.

This button provides cards that can be cut out and passed to students who need to take the test. They will login to their student account, click the "Take a Benchmark Test" button, and input the benchmark code to begin the test.

To complete a benchmark, students should log in, click the "Take a Benchmark" button, and enter the Benchmark Code.