

Report-Check for Learning (C4L)

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- Check for Learning (C4L) is an interim assessment system provided for Nebraska schools by the Assessment department at Nebraska Department of Education.
- The C4L system contains items written and reviewed by Nebraska educators to assess Nebraska's academic standards in grades 3-8 and 11 in reading, math, and science.
- Nebraska educators use the system to create assessments, administer them, and view data collected about every assessment and every participant in their districts.
- Almost 200 Nebraska districts are C4L members—and therefore, write or review items—and use the system with their students.
- Over 10,000 items have been developed, reviewed, and placed in the system.
- Tests remain in the system from year-to-year. Teachers can use their district's tests from previous years.
- C4L currently contains all multiple-choice items because the NeSA tests have contained only multiple choice.
- As new items types are being added to the NeSA tests, new items also will be added to C4L. The purpose of the new item types are to:
 - Measure College and Career Ready standards
 - Measure higher depth of knowledge,
 - Measure higher order thinking skills,
 - Support robust classroom practices
- If schools struggle having enough computer coverage, C4L assessments can be taken paper/pencil. NDE is able to only track online usage.
- Schools/Districts use C4L is a variety of ways:
 - Teachers develop own their assessments and administer them according to their timeline.
 - Districts use in-service time to develop common C4L assessment to be given school-wide or district-wide to assess curriculum progress and student learning.
 - Districts may develop assessments around particular standards or

may develop an assessment that mirrors the blueprint of the NeSA tests.

- Teachers use discrete items as daily practice bell-ringers at the start of class. (An example of this is having one math item displayed as students enter room; they sit down and work the item.)
- NDE assessment department is partnering with REL Central (Regional Educational Laboratories) to conduct research on ways that Check for Learning is used in districts. The project has been developed over the past two years and will be conducted fall 2016.
- In 2015-2016, students have taken a combined 415,000 C4L assessments online.