



Assessment, Learning and Technology Solutions

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The ALTS answer for K-12 schools nationally and internationally

The *No Child Left Behind* legislation enacted at the federal level has brought accountability to the forefront of American education in a way that this country has never experienced before. It requires that all states ensure that *every* child in *every* public school achieves a minimum threshold of learning. In order to evaluate student achievement, assessments of high quality are required.

Most states have responded to the NCLB by hiring an independent test development organization to create, deliver and score a large-scale, standardized, statewide test. By the time the results of these assessments are reported, it is often too late to use the results to improve students' learning. Compounding the tragedy, some states spend over 75 Million taxpayers' dollars per year to get these results.

All that a statewide test does is remove the accountability millstone from around the necks of teachers. It does not replace the need for high quality classroom assessments. High quality classroom assessments are needed for teachers to be able to do their jobs well. In particular, high quality formative assessments are needed to supplement and enhance instruction and facilitate learning.

The **ALTS Assessment Management System™** empowers teachers to write questions, make tests, and give them online and on paper. This software tool facilitates the development of excellent quality assessments while simultaneously making the process manageable.

Today, dynamic learning environments are characterized by the use of technology to deliver instruction and online assessments. This trend will escalate in the years ahead. School districts that do not adopt technology solutions now, will be left behind and the populations they serve will have diminished access to new media and learning materials, becoming academically undernourished and less prepared for the available job opportunities of the 21st century.

The **ALTS Assessment Management System** empowers teachers to deliver assessments online, and to readily know whether their assessments are of high quality. Furthermore, the **ALTS Assessment Management System** helps teachers figure out what they should do in order to improve the quality of ineffective questions, and poor overall assessments.

We live in the “learning” era. For this reason, in the last decade, we have seen the proliferation of terms like: lifelong learning, self-regulated learning, self-directed learning, intentional learning, technology for learning, and assessment for learning. Without continuous learning our children and students will not thrive in the 21st century. At this time in the history of the human race, teachers need technology-based tools, like the **ALTS Assessment Management System**, to prepare their students to contribute creative, effective solutions to the challenges being faced by planet earth and humankind.