

# State Assessment Educator Committees

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*The development and implementation of Arizona's statewide standardized assessments have been shaped by the active involvement of thousands of Arizona educators serving on numerous committees. Educators are selected for any of these committees based on their expertise and the needs of the committee being formed.*

## Standing Committees

**Braille Review** – This committee reviews Braille versions of the assessments to verify proper translation into Braille has occurred.

**Bias Review Committee** – This committee reviews test content for potential bias. Reviewers look for the following types of bias: gender, racial/ethnic, linguistic, religious, geographic, and socioeconomic.

**Content Review Committee** - This committee reviews test content to verify that it is aligned to the standards and is grade level appropriate.

**Data Analysis Committee** – This committee reviews the statistical data for items before their placement in the Item Bank.

**Item Writing Committee** – This committee writes test items.

**Rubric Validation Committee** – This committee validates the machine scoring logic for items scored using a rubric and ensures that all correct responses receive credit.

## Special Committees

**Item Specification Committee** – This committee develops item specifications that define the content and format of the test and test items for item writers and reviewers.

**Performance Level Descriptions Committee** – This committee reviews and recommends revisions for Performance Level Descriptors.

**Rangefinding Committee** – This committee reviews scoring of extended responses that require human scoring.

**Standards-Setting Committees** – This committee recommends achievement level standards (cut scores) for the new state assessments.