DRC BEACON is an interim assessment for grades 3–8 that illuminates student learning needs and measures progress throughout the year, allowing educators to target instruction and make informed decisions.

Checking for student learning should not be limited to once at the end of the year in a summative test. Today's students want to know "where they stand," parents want to know if their children are "on track," and teachers need to know how they can adjust instruction in their classrooms in order to maximize student learning. The DRC BEACON interim assessment does exactly that—check for student learning with real-time online reports at multiple points throughout the year.

When students complete the tests, their interim scores can be used to predict a performance score range on the state summative test. DRC BEACON is offered in both English Language Arts and Mathematics for grades 3–8 in an adaptive online format, with a K–2 offering to follow. The online adaptive format allows students, parents, and teachers to have a more accurate picture of achievement as the item difficulty adjusts to student ability levels and pinpoints a realistic indication and diagnosis of "where students are."

DRC BEACON test item types mirror those found on state summative tests – this gives strong predictability to the summative test and confidence in results. DRC has a strong base in the summative assessment market with proven ability to support states with federal peer review around assessment technical quality.

DRC BEACON provides the feedback needed for grades 3–8 students to master grade-level academic requirements, and to help teachers plan instruction and administrators make well-informed decisions. BEACON's content represents current college- and career-ready expectations. BEACON's adaptive format yields detailed information about student performance with less testing time.

- Up to three administrations during the year provide projected growth data toward end-of-year targets and pinpoint skill areas needing additional attention. Intuitive reports make it easy to track student progress and guide learning all year so you are never without the data you need to make timely decisions about what individual students need, or what programs need to be successful.

- Everyone benefits when there are fewer systems to learn in a school/district. Schools nationwide are already familiar with the DRC INSIGHT system.

DRC BEACON offers accommodations for:
- TTS (Text-to-Speech) in English for both English Language Arts and Mathematics, and TTS in Spanish for Mathematics
- VSL (Video Sign Language)—English Language Arts (Listening items) and Mathematics
- Closed captioning for Listening items

Full set of system tools includes:
- Line guide
- Highlighter
- Answer eliminator
- Magnifier/zoom
- Global notes
- Color contrast
- Color overlay
- Masking
- Measurement tools
- Protractor, centimeter/inch rulers
- Basic, graphing, and scientific calculators

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