Defining Intervention Groups Based on Benchmark Exams

About intervention groups
Edusoft lets you isolate a group of students that meet customizable performance criteria so that you can take action. The criteria you use to select students for an intervention group are highly flexible. You can identify students based on their performance on a single assessment or on a combination of two assessments. For each assessment, you can look at overall scores, per standard scores, or scores for any question groups that have been defined.

Defining an intervention group for one exam
When you define an intervention group for a benchmark, you can quickly generate a report based on one exam using either overall or per standard or per question group scores. Then, you can use the Options Dashboard to refine the selection of students later.

To define an intervention group for one exam:
1. Click the Benchmark Exams tab. Click the Intervention Groups link or icon.
2. In the Assessment Locker, choose the exam to use as the basis for the intervention group. Click Continue.
3. Use these settings to define the initial intervention group.

4. Click Continue.
5. Choose your intervention criteria, and then click Continue.

For this type of scores | Do this
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Overall scores | Enter two numbers that define a range of scores, or click the check boxes for scores that fall within performance bands.

Per standard or question group scores
1. Click the check boxes for the standards or question groups you want to include, and then click Continue.
2. Enter two numbers that define a range of scores, or click the check boxes for scores that fall within performance bands.

Defining an intervention group for two exams
When you define an intervention group based on two exams, Edusoft includes the students who match your criteria for both exams. You’re still looking at overall scores or those for standards or question groups, but this time you’re comparing the scores.

To define an intervention group using scores:
1. Click the Benchmark Exams tab. Click the Intervention Groups link or icon.
2. In the Assessment Locker, choose the exam to use as the basis for the intervention group. Click Continue.
3 Use these settings to define the initial intervention group.
4 Use the student demographic options to select students. Click **Continue**.
   - Select a school if you have access to more than one.
   - Click **Performance on Comparison Between Two Tests**.
   - Select which scores to use as the basis for this intervention group in the Analyze Based On area. Choose the type of score you want to include in the analysis.
   - If you want to include the student ID on the report, click Student ID and then choose the type of ID you want to show.
   - Use the student demographic option links on the lower half of the page to select students.
5 Click **Continue**.
6 In the Assessment Locker, choose the second test. Click **Continue**.
7 Choose your intervention criteria for each test, and then click **Continue**.

After a brief pause, Edusoft displays a report that includes students who meet your criteria on both exams.

### Working with an intervention group

Once you define an intervention group, you can use the Options Dashboard to refine the group of students dynamically. The Options Dashboard, which appears at the top of an intervention group report, displays your current settings. You can also use it to select a different grouping of students.

### To work with an intervention group:

1 In an intervention group, click a link in the Options Dashboard.

2 Click check boxes in the options page for the students you want to include, and click **Continue**. Or, click the **Clear Page** link and click **Continue** to select all options on a page.

Edusoft updates the intervention group page to reflect your new choice.