Quick Guide

Defining Intervention Groups Based on State Exams

About intervention groups

Edusoft lets you isolate a group of students that meet customizable performance criteria so that you can take action. Educators use Edusoft intervention groups for a variety of reasons. The most common use of an intervention group based on state exam results is at the beginning of the year when you want to look at last year’s scores for your incoming students. The start of the school year is also a good time to create custom groups that you can track throughout the year, and to identify incoming students for targeted instructional programs.

Defining an intervention group using Basic Report Options

When you define an intervention group for a state exam, you can quickly generate a report based on just the basic report options and then use the Options Dashboard to refine the selection of students later.

To define an intervention group using Basic Report Options:

1. Click the State Analysis tab. Click the Intervention Groups link or icon.
2. In the Select a Test for Intervention Groups page, choose the exam to use as the basis for the intervention group. Click Continue.
3. Use these settings to define the initial intervention group.

   - Select the school, exam, and grade you want to display.
   - Select which scores to use as the basis for this intervention group in the Analyze Based On list.
   - Use the student demographic option links on the lower half of the page to select students.
4. Click Continue.
5. In the Select Group for Intervention: Select Content Areas page, click check boxes to choose content areas. Click Continue.
6. In the View All Students area, click Go.

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.
Defining an intervention group using scores

As you define an intervention group you can select students based on exam scores in one or more content areas. The exam you select determines the type of scores you can choose. The type of score determines the additional choices you can make.

**To define an intervention group using scores:**

1. Click the **State Analysis** tab. Click the **Intervention Groups** link or icon.
2. Choose an exam. Click **Continue**.
3. Use the Basic Report Options to select the exam, grade, and basis for analysis.
4. Use the student demographic options to select students. Click **Continue**.
5. In the Select Group for Intervention: Select Content Areas page, click check boxes to choose content areas. Click **Continue**.
6. To select students based on scores, select the score type, and click **Go**.
7. Refine the selection as needed, and click **Go**.

You might enter a range of scores or select a performance band.

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Defining an intervention group using changes in scores

You can also define an intervention group on an increase or decrease in scores from one exam to the next. The type of scores available depends on the exam and the basis for analysis you select.

**To define an intervention group using changes in scores:**

1. Click the **State Analysis** tab. Click the **Intervention Groups** link or icon.
2. Choose an exam. Click **Continue**.
3. Use the Basic Report Options to select the exam, grade, and basis for analysis.
4. Use the student demographic options to select students. Click **Continue**.
5. In the Select Group for Intervention: Select Content Areas page, click check boxes to choose content areas. Click **Continue**.
6. To select students based on a score increase or decrease, choose the score type and the prior exam. Click **Go**.
7. Choose **increased** or **decreased** and type the amount of change. Click **Go**.