

Performance Bands and Question Groups (Administrators)

Defining performance bands

Many educators use performance bands or categories to cluster the results of standards-based assessments. For example, you can use performance bands to show selected student data when you run reports or intervention groups based on benchmark exams.

Edusoft automatically defines four overall performance bands, plus two each per standard and for question groups for aligning assessments. When you define performance bands, you select the number of bands, assign a name to each band, and determine its range of points. Defining a new set of performance bands replaces the current ones.

Note: If a test already has performance bands defined, those bands stay in place until someone resets them. Resetting performance bands sets them to use the district defaults.

Defining overall performance bands

Overall performance bands are a way of looking at results for an entire assessment. They give you a sense of how students are performing on the test as a whole rather than in specific areas.

To define overall performance bands:

- 1 Click the **Benchmark Exams** tab. Click the **Assessments** link or icon.
- 2 In your Assessment Locker, select an assessment and click **View/Edit Details**.

Performance Bands: [View Details](#) [Create New Bands](#)

Overall Performance: 5 bands Click to view new performance band details.

Per Standard: 4 standards / 5 bands each Click to define new performance bands.

Question Groups: 0 groups

Tip: To see the assessment's current performance bands, click the **View Details** link. Click **Back** to return to the Test Detail page.

- 3 In the Performance Bands area, click **Create New Bands**.

Create Performance Bands

Band Type and Number

Select the type of performance band:

Overall Choose the type of performance bands you want to create.

Per Standard

1 Question Groups

Select the number of bands: 1 Choose the number of bands.

- 4 Choose the type (**Overall**) and number of performance bands you want to create. Click **Continue**.

If performance bands already exist, Edusoft asks you to confirm that you want to replace the existing performance bands with new ones.

- 5 Click **Continue** to overwrite the existing performance bands.
- 6 In the Name Performance Bands page, type a name for each performance band, and select the At Level band. Click **Continue**.

Name Performance Bands

Enter a name for each band (e.g. At Mastery, Below Mastery):

1. Band 1 (lowest)

2. Band 2 Type a name for each performance band. Be sure to start with the lowest performance band and end with highest band.

3. Band 3

Note: For overall and per-standards bands you must create new bands to change band names.

Exam Overall: 21.0 Points Possible This is the total value of all bands.

Enter a point range for each band:

Label	Percentages	Points
At Risk	0 to 39.99 %	0 to 8.39
Underperforming	40.00% to 64.99 %	8.40 to 13.64
Meets Expectations	65.00% to 84.99 %	13.65 to 17.84
Exceeds Expectations	85.00% to 100 %	17.85 to 21.0

Set At Level Band: None Select the At Level band if you wish.

These are the names you entered previously.

Type the low values for each performance band. You can enter either points or percents.

Note: If you set an At Level band you see the percent of students scoring at this level or higher on the Performance Band report.

- 7 Type a point value or percent for the bottom of each performance band range. Click **Continue**.

Edusoft displays the new performance bands.

[Create more bands](#) _____ Click to create additional performance bands.
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[Overall Bands](#) [Reset to Default](#) _____ Click to reset performance bands to the default values.

At Risk:	0.0 - 7.99	_____ These are the new performance bands.
Underperforming:	8.0 - 13.99	
Meets Expectations:	14.0 - 17.99	
Exceeds Expectations:	18.0 - 21.0	

- 8 Click the **Back** link to go to Test Details or **Create** to create more bands.

Defining per standard performance bands

When you create performance bands per standard, you can set a single range that applies to all standards, or define a separate range for each standard.

Note: If, at a later time, you add or delete questions or assessment sections, your question groups will be deleted.

To create per standard performance bands:

- 1 In the Assessment Locker, select an assessment and click **View Details** to view its Test Details page.
- 2 Click the **Create New Bands** link in the Performance Bands area to define per standard performance bands for this assessment.
- 3 Click **Per Standard** to create bands for each standard. Choose the number of bands you want to create. Click **Continue**.
- 4 Type a name for each performance band. Choose whether to use the same performance bands for all standards. Click **Continue**.
- 5 Type percents for the bottom of each performance band range. If necessary, choose whether you want to edit ranges for individual standards. Click **Continue**.
- 6 If you chose to edit ranges, adjust the points or percentages for each standard. Click **Continue**.

- 7 To create additional bands, click the **Create** link at the top of the page. Otherwise, click the **Back** link to return to the Test Details page.

[Per Standard Bands](#) [Reset to Default](#)

CCS--English--Grade 9/10--Reading 3.3 (2, 4, 5, 8, 14, 23 Section 2: 25, 29 Section 3: 33)	CCS--English--Grade 9/10--Reading 3.4 (9, 12, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22 Section 2: 26, 30 Section 3: 33)	These per standard performance bands are calculated as a group by percents.
Needs Improvement: 0.0 - 14.39	Needs Improvement: 0.0 - 15.19	
Mastered: 14.4 - 18.0	Mastered: 15.2 - 19.0	

- 8 If you chose to edit ranges, adjust the points or percentages for each standard. Click **Continue**.

Defining question groups with performance bands

The steps for creating both types of category performance bands are almost identical. If you're creating question groups there is an extra step where you enter a name for each question group and designate the questions in the group.

To define question groups with performance bands:

- 1 In the Assessment Locker, select an assessment and click **View Details**.
- 2 Click the **Create New Bands** link in the Performance Bands area.
- 3 Click **Question Groups** and select the number of question groups you intend to create. Choose the number of bands you want to create. Click **Continue**.
- 4 Type a name for each performance band. Choose whether to use the same performance bands for all question groups. Click **Continue**.
- 5 Type percents for the bottom of each performance band range. Choose whether you want to edit ranges for specific question groups. Click **Continue**.
 Edusoft uses the value you enter to calculate the upper end of the prior performance band.
- 6 If you choose to edit ranges, adjust the points or percentages for each standard or question group as the opportunity occurs. Click **Continue**. Repeat for each standard.
- 7 Type a name for the question group and click the check box for each question to be included. Click **Continue**.
- 8 Click **Continue** to name and select questions for all other question groups.