

ASK Technology

What is ASK Technology?

ASK (Automated Scoring Key) technology within Galileo® K-12 Online allows users to import, store, schedule, deliver, administer (online, offline, or via handheld wireless devices), automatically score (where applicable), and report on existing District assessments, as well as publisher-purchased assessments with appropriate permissions.

What are the benefits of ASK technology?

ATI understands that time is important and the design of *ASK* technology addresses time savings in a number of ways. For example, with *ASK* technology, placing existing assessment content into Galileo can be accomplished very easily and with very little time expenditure. Additionally, since *ASK* technology allows all district assessments to reside within one comprehensive system, all assessments are readily available in just one location for reporting purposes.

ASK technology makes it possible to align imported tests to standards, schedule for administration online with optional use of response pads or offline with bubble sheets, and automatically score the results. Since *ASK* assessments are stored online, all can be administered, scored, reported on, and viewed online.

While *ASK* technology is convenient for all users, it's especially useful for administering end-of-chapter, unit, or course assessments in higher grade levels.

How are previously existing assessments made available through Galileo?

When creating an *ASK* assessment, a test already existing as a Microsoft Word or PDF file can be moved into Galileo. After being moved into Galileo, an answer key can be created for the test. In the process of creating the answer key, each item in the test is aligned to a standard. Tests that then exist as files in Galileo and have an answer sheet may be administered online or offline and all data collected from the administration can be reported through the Galileo reporting engine.

What item formats will ASK technology accept?

ASK technology is compatible with a wide variety of content formats (e.g., selected-response, short answer, constructed-response) and can accommodate a wide variety of curricula. As long as tests can be saved to a common file type such as PDF, the tests can be included in Galileo using *ASK* technology.

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What reporting capabilities are available?

Like all Galileo® assessments, results from ASK assessments can be viewed in a wide variety of user-friendly reports, including those that involve item-level information.

Are psychometric analyses possible with ASK technology?

As with all Galileo assessments, when an ASK assessment is administered to a sufficiently large number of students, it is possible to conduct psychometric analyses to generate Developmental Level (DL) scores, place tests on a common scale, and update item characteristics such as item difficulty, item discrimination, and guessing. This type of information provides data on the extent to which items are contributing effectively to the measurement of student abilities being assessed.

Can ASK assessments be aligned to new standards?

Existing items can be aligned to standards using the ASK interface. In addition, when new standards are adopted, these items can easily be aligned to the new standards by simply selecting the appropriate new standard for each item within the ASK interface.

For more information on ASK technology, contact an ATI Field Services Coordinator at 1.877.442.5453 or at GalileoInfo@ati-online.com.