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What's New With Formative Back to School 2025-2026?

Discover new and updated daily instruction and assessment features to drive data-informed decisions across the classroom, building, and district.

Features to support daily instruction

Keep every student engaged and motivated with dynamic activities, customized practice, and targeted support—all year long.

Create and deliver dynamic activities for any subject

Available Now   Champion's Challenge

Spark excitement with an interactive game that reinforces learning.

Updated   Present an Activity (Teacher-Paced Mode)

Present activities to the whole class with more flexibility and control.

Coming for BTS   Equivalencies & Dynamic Variables (Math)

Make math more dynamic with numeric question updates.

Keep students engaged and motivated

Available Now   Question of the Day

Build daily learning habits with quick challenges.

Updated   Practice Sets

Empower students with four practice modes—now including "write" mode—for independent learning.

Deliver targeted support and accommodations

Available Now   Multilingual Language Support
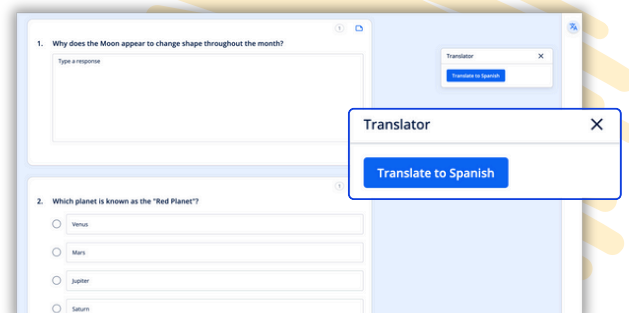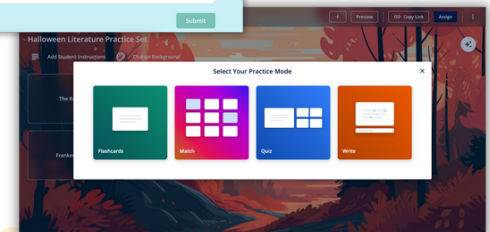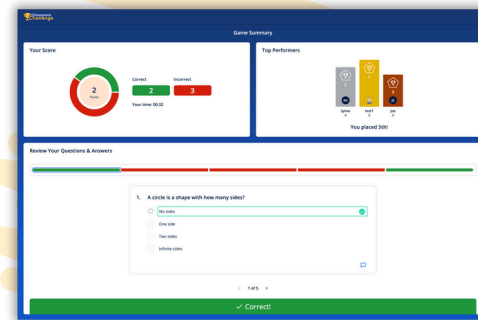
Translate activities into students' native languages for inclusive learning. **[Balanced Assessment Suite only]**

Available Now   Answer Choice Reduction

Reduce answer choices in multiple choice/selection questions as needed.

Available Now   Spell Check

Support stronger writing by flagging spelling errors using a browser's spell check.

Available Now **Highlighter**

Help students stay organized and focused while completing assignments by letting them highlight key text.

Available Now **Mark for Review**

Let students easily flag and revisit questions before submitting their assignments.

Features to support district-wide assessment

Create and deliver high-quality assessments faster—with greater control, consistency, and richer data to drive smarter decisions.
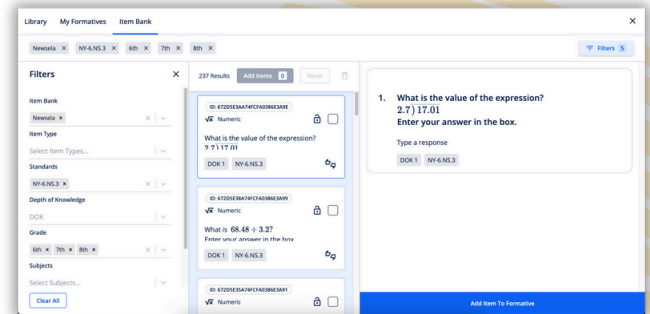
Create and share common assessments

Available Now **Item Bank**

Use standards-aligned items with real-world content to create high-quality assessments.

Available Now **Share Folders**

Share folders seamlessly with your team for easy collaboration.

Administer assessments with fidelity

Available Now **Common Assessment Data-sharing**

Enable team-wide access to assessment results and data for informed decision-making.

Available Now **Browser Security Settings**

Customize security settings on common assessments to maintain fairness and consistency.

Get actionable insights at a glance

Available Now **Multi-level Rubric Reporting**

See student performance on individual criteria across rubric-scored questions.

Coming for BTS **Time Spent on Assignments**

Track how long students spend on assignments to uncover challenges and improve support.

Updated **Insights**

Filter data by building, teacher, and class, now with demographic insights to support targeted instruction.