



**Schoolnet Webinar:  
Building and Scheduling  
District Benchmarks**

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# Agenda

Topic	Presenter
Welcome!	Dan Urbanski
District Benchmark Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Test Creation: Thoughts – Tips</li><li>•Logging into Home Base and Schoolnet</li><li>•Create Benchmark Assessment</li><li>•Search for Secure / ClassScape Items</li><li>•Schedule vs. Recommend</li></ul>	Dan Urbanski  Mandy Taylor
Passing Notes In Class	All Star Panel
Open Q & A	
Wrap-up	Dan & Mandy

# Benchmarks: Thoughts / Tips

- Today we will learn that:
  - Creation of District Benchmark similar to other test types.
  - Leadership users at the district level with ‘Test Item Administrator’ permission have access to secure item bank
  - To create, other users need additional permissions:  
“Access to Assessment Management” AND  
“Test Item Administrator” at the district level\*\*
  - Create as Manual Test—not Express Test
  - Secure Items all have ‘NCDPI\_Benchmark’ as publisher

\*\*Guidance Needed? See Your PowerSchool Coordinator / Data Manager or,  
Contact Home Base Support Center



# Home Base Login Page



**Sign In**

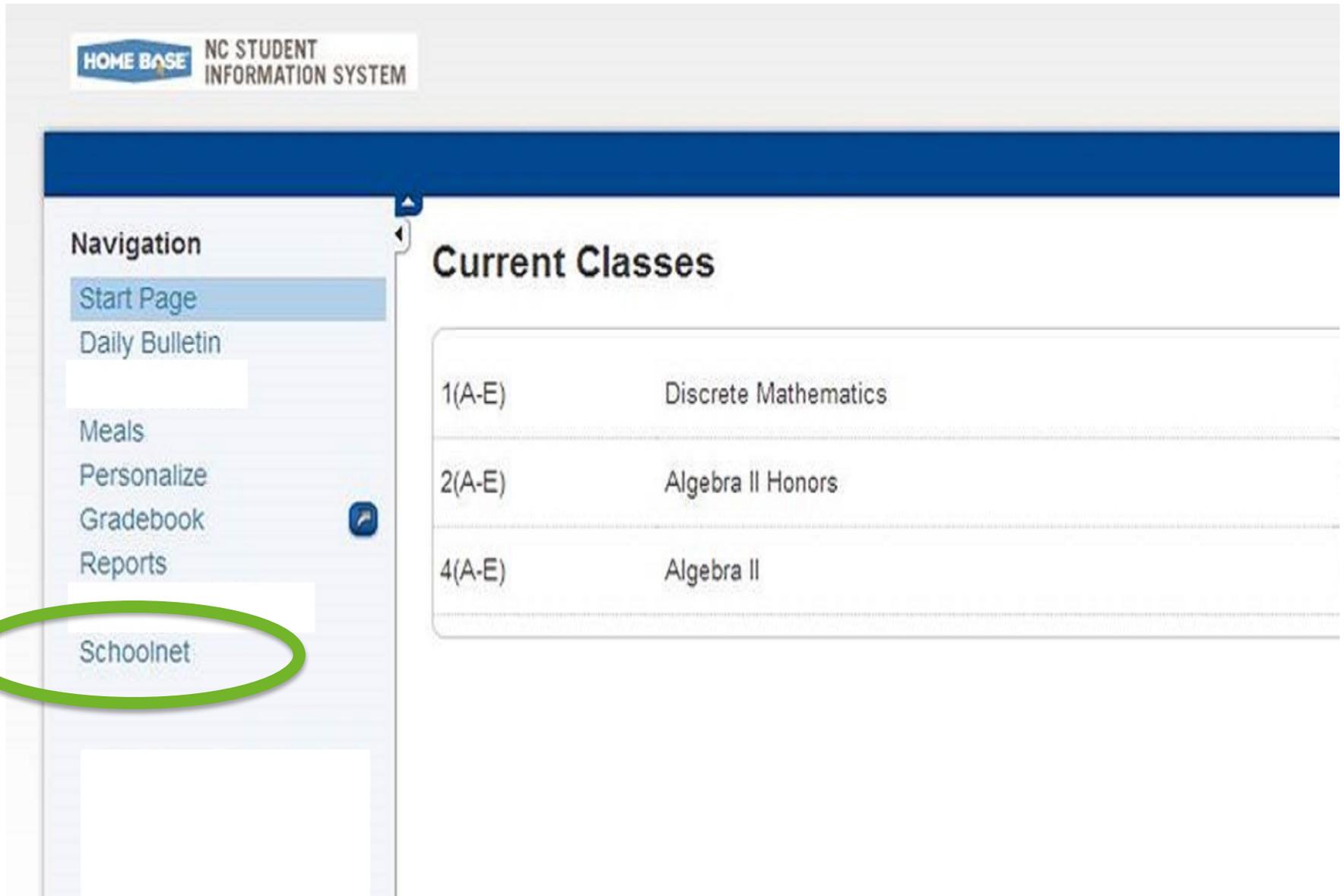
**Username**

**Password**

PowerSchool

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# Powerschool Landing Page



HOME BASE NC STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

**Navigation**

- Start Page
- Daily Bulletin
- Meals
- Personalize
- Gradebook
- Reports
- Schoolnet

**Current Classes**

1(A-E)	Discrete Mathematics
2(A-E)	Algebra II Honors
4(A-E)	Algebra II

## In Schoolnet, Users Can...

Leadership Can: (or teacher/staff with Test Item Administrator and Access to Assessment Management AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL\*\* )

- Create a District Benchmark
- Search For and Add ClassScape Items
- Schedule vs. Recommend Benchmark

\*\* Need help here? Please your Data Manager or contact the Home Base Support Center

## Access to Assessment Items

- Remember, district level users have access to **both** classroom and district benchmark assessments items. The only statewide benchmark items loaded in the system at this time are under the Publisher name **NCDPI\_Benchmark**.
- School level users and teachers do not have access to any of the items with the publisher name NCDPI\_Benchmark (unless they have been given roles at the district level that allow them this level of access).

# Intended Use of Items (by Source)

Publisher Name	Use of the Items	User Access
<b>NCDPI_Benchmark</b>	District Benchmark Assessments	District Level Users Only
<b>NCDPI_Classroom</b>	Classroom or School Assessments	All Users – Teacher, School, and District
<b>FAIB from NWEA (or NWEA)</b>	Classroom or School Assessments	All Users – Teacher, School, and District
<b>Pearson or Equella</b>	Classroom or School Assessments	All Users – Teacher, School, and District

# Searching for Benchmark Items

- Hover over Assessment Admin and click on Find an Item, Passage or Rubric. On the Item Central Screen, select Benchmark Items (and choose items with 4 answer choices or 3 answer choices). Then add any other filters (like for grade, subject, standard, etc.) and the results pulled will be only those that are NCDPI\_Benchmark.
- Hover over Assessment Admin and click on Find an Item, Passage or Rubric. On the Item Central Screen, click on Advanced Search. In the publisher field enter NCDPI\_Benchmark and then select any other filters (like grade, subject, standard, etc.). Click on Search Items and the results displayed will only be those with the publisher name NCDPI\_Benchmark.

# Creating Benchmark Assessments

- When creating a district benchmark assessment, you should **ALWAYS** choose the option to “Create a Test Manually.” This will allow you to look up the items in Item Central and follow the tips on the previous slide for searching for NCDPI\_Benchmark only (or to create your own items as appropriate).
- When creating a district benchmark assessment, you should **NEVER** choose the option to “Create an Express Test.” The Express Test feature does not give you control over the items that are pulled in. The system will pull items based on the standards you selected, but it will not limit them by publisher. This will result in items on the test that could be from the classroom level banks and could have already been exposed to students on classroom assessments given by their teachers.

# Assessment Item Categories

- In **Item Central**, item categories are listed under **Browse by**
  - There are 3 NEW categories this year

## Item Central

[Advanced Search](#)

- + Create New Item
- + Create New Passage
- + Create New Rubric

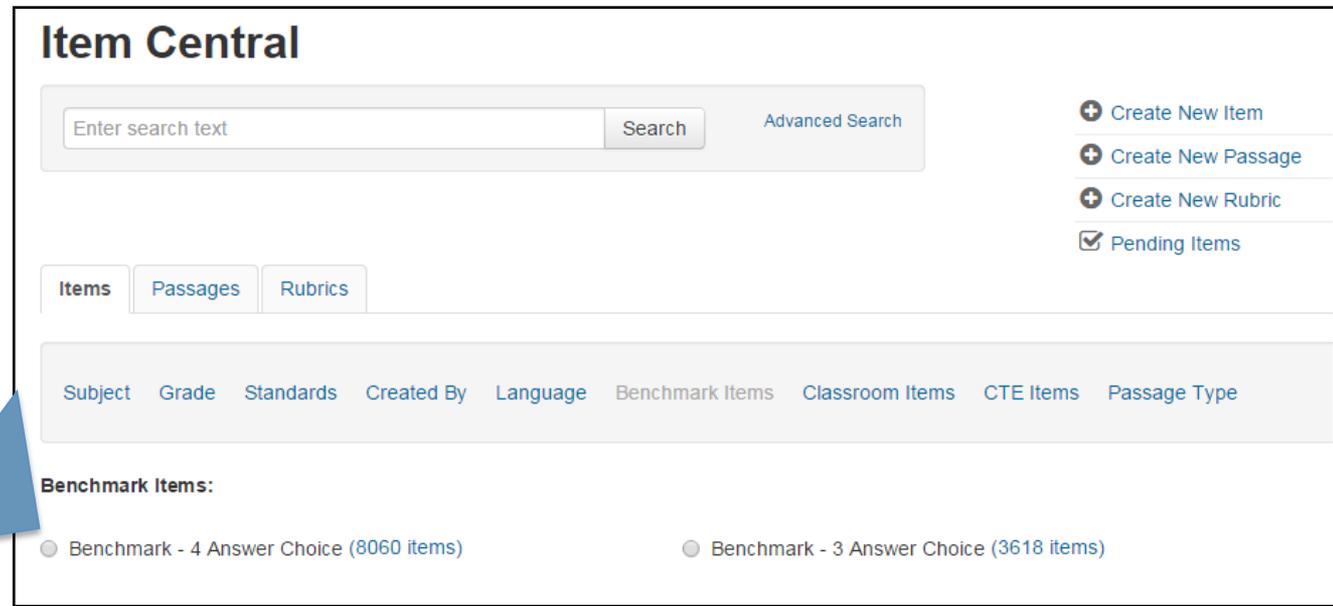
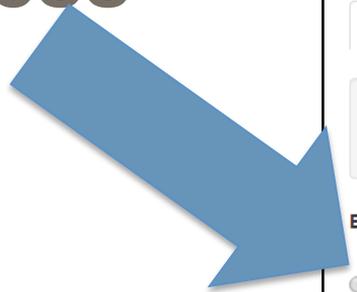
Items Passages Rubrics

### Browse by

Subject Grade Standards Created By Language **Benchmark Items** Classroom Items CTE Items Passage Type

# Benchmark Items Category

District  
Access



**Item Central**

Enter search text  [Advanced Search](#)

- + Create New Item
- + Create New Passage
- + Create New Rubric
- Pending Items

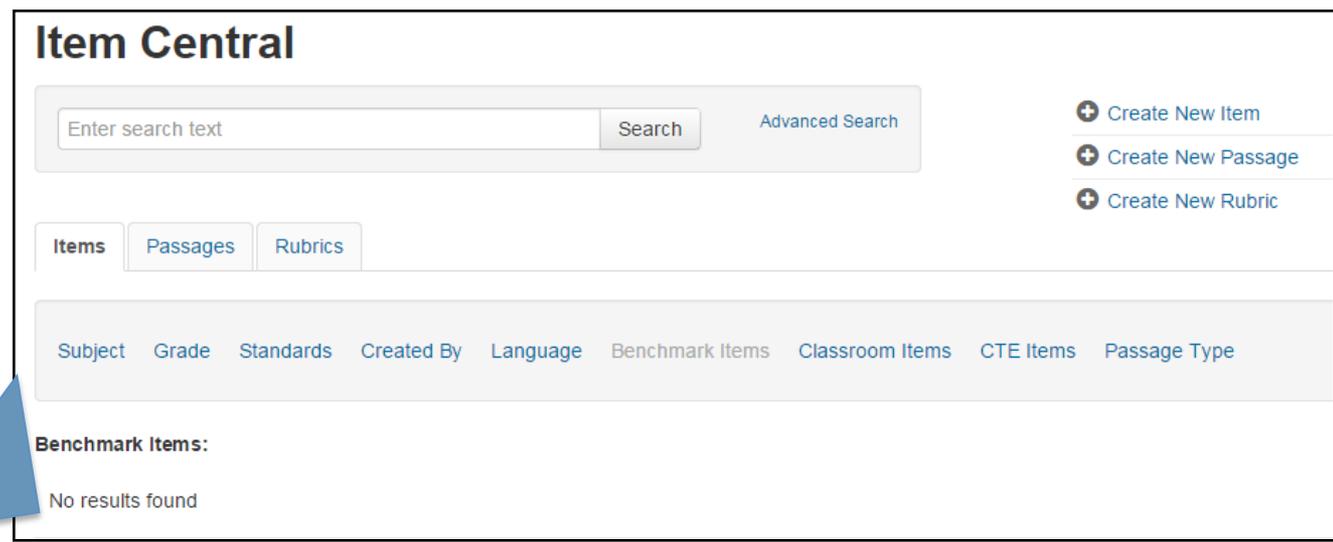
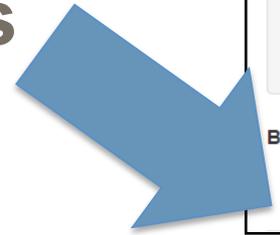
Items Passages Rubrics

Subject Grade Standards Created By Language Benchmark Items Classroom Items CTE Items Passage Type

**Benchmark Items:**

- Benchmark - 4 Answer Choice (8060 items)
- Benchmark - 3 Answer Choice (3618 items)

School/  
Teacher  
Access



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Items Passages Rubrics

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**Benchmark Items:**

No results found

# Classroom Items Category

- ALL Users can Access (Teacher, School, and District)

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- Items
- Passages
- Rubrics

- Subject
- Grade
- Standards
- Created By
- Language
- Benchmark Items
- Classroom Items
- CTE Items
- Passage Type

### Classroom Items:

- Classroom - 4 Answer Choice (46506 items)
- Classroom - 3 Answer Choice (3012 items)

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## Home Base Website and Updates

- Home Base website is <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/homebase/>
- To sign up for Home Base Biweekly Newsletter, please self-subscribe at <listsncdpi.weebly.com/homebase-list.html>



## Home Base Support Center

- Contact your school or district Home Base IIS Point Person first (PowerSchool Coord.)
- For technical issues, contact the Home Base Support Center:
  - [homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov](mailto:homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov)
  - or 919-807-4357

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# Home Base Webinars

- NCDPI offers webinars on Schoolnet and OpenClass on a regular basis.

- Every Thursday – From 3:30 to 4:30 pm
- Register on Home Base Website

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/homebase/training/schedule/iis/>

- **Archived recordings** of all Home Base webinars can be found at:

[ncpublicschools.org/homebase/training/videos/webinars](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/homebase/training/videos/webinars)



Questions?



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# SURVEY

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