

A+[®] Classroom SRS[™]

Frequently Asked Questions

For the most part, most questions can be anticipated and have been asked. Here are a few.

Q: Is it web-based?

A: No - *A+ Classroom SRS* is not web or browser-based. However, it is designed to function on a school's LAN or district WAN, meaning the main installation (data, content, and applications) can reside on a central server with self-updating links deployed to teacher workstations. To our knowledge, every other classroom response program functions as a stand-alone program.

Q: Is the content aligned to my state?

A: Yes - The 30,000+ items in the *A+ Classroom SRS* database have been correlated and aligned to standards for all states using Academic Benchmarks standards and alignment resources. During the installation process, the standards and alignment tables are downloaded and imbedded in the program. As states transition to revised or new standards, updates can be downloaded and applied to assure current standards are available for the coming year.

Q: Am I limited to the A+ Classroom SRS Library?

A: No - The *A+ Classroom SRS* Library provides an excellent foundation for getting started quickly and easily in your classroom. However, the *A+ Classroom SRS* Editor gives teachers the ability to create customized assessments by:

- 1) borrowing from existing *A+ Classroom SRS* activity titles;
- 2) writing brand new questions using the Editor templates or Wizard;
- 3) searching the item bank by Objective or Expectation; or,
- 4) importing existing questions from Word documents.

There's no limit to the amount of items that can be created or imported.

Q: Can the content be purchased for just a specific grade level or subject?

A: No – The Libraries are packaged by campus level – Elementary (K-6), Middle (6-9) and Secondary (9-12) – and cannot be broken up into further subgroups. Licensing is campus, or site based, and provides access for everyone on a campus to all grade level content. This ensures the software and content can be used not just for all age levels, but for all performance levels. Students in lower grades performing above grade level have access to higher level content. Older students needing remediation have access to remediation content.

Q: I have a school that is K-8 (or K-12), how do they get the necessary Libraries?

A: The published pricing provides for adding additional Libraries (i.e. a second or third campus level) for a fraction of the initial campus license. For example, a level one school (less than 450 students) license is \$3,500. If it is a K-8 school, the second Library can be added for \$1,500. Campus pricing for each population level and the additional Library pricing was presented at the National Sales Meeting and is available in the power point information on the distributor website.

Q: Do students have to use the same device every time to track their results?

A: No - A+ Classroom SRS utilizes student records with unique Usernames and PIN/Passwords to identify students. So if teachers want to record their students' performance in the results database, all they have to do is require students to log in with the Username and/or PIN. This allows for any clicker or computer to be used during any activity, so students can change rooms, computers used one day and clickers the next and still have their scores tracked and aggregated; it all relates to the students unique Username and PIN.

Q: Is all this student information difficult to load in the program?

A: No - During installation, the Administrative user can import student information, including NCLB demographic and existing Usernames and Password/PINs from other programs from a comma or tab delimited file. The import wizard will walk the Administrator through the steps to map the existing information to the proper A+

Classroom SRS data fields and even test to ensure no duplications. This same import can be done for teacher accounts as well.

Q: If the school doesn't have devices and wants them, how can we offer them?

A: If you are interested in offering a response device, you may contact David Camp at LearnStar (david@learnstar.com). An introduction letter with basic information about selling the LearnStar devices was sent to principals in mid August. Contact LearnStar if you would like to follow up that opportunity.