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OSCAR Online Scoring and Reporting

MZD delivers solutions that make it easier and more affordable to include performance tasks into state and district assessments. These performance tasks address an increasing need to better measure critical thinking and higher order skills. MZD realizes the value of incorporating performance based items into current assessment development efforts and has developed OSCAR to make it more efficient and cost effective for states and districts to score performance-based items.

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Are you paying more than you should to score performance assessment items?

At MZD we've engineered a solution that extracts performance scoring and reporting from other activities associated with test administration. This provides more clarity around the actual costs to conduct scoring activities. When compared to conventional scoring practices, it can represent significant savings for states and districts.

The majority of vendor responses to requests for proposals embed costs for performance scoring activities into the "per student" administration cost. This allows vendors to mask significant expenses related to scoring, platform configuration and scoring quality assurance as part of the test administration cost. Those costs can quickly add up and misleadingly inflate the per student cost.



Online Distributed Platform



Performance Scoring



Reporting

Performance scoring activities can be a significant percentage of the overall assessment costs, and so it is critically important request detailed breakouts of costs to ensure thorough understanding and transparency for costs associated with performance scoring technology and support activities.

Savings represented by using OSCAR for performance scoring tasks could lower your costs by as much as 25%*. Money that could be used to introduce additional opportunities for performance-based testing and scoring.

** detailed cost savings available as requested*



FAST

OSCAR can generate fast, accurate and reliable scoring and is used to score millions of responses each year.



ACCURATE

OSCAR provides quality monitoring tools that allow scoring leaders to have a real-time snapshot of project performance.



EFFICIENT

OSCAR is designed with non-technical users in mind and enables easy set-up for scoring projects, even with complex scoring rules.

If you are currently doing any performance scoring in a traditional manner (manually distributing the physical paper and pencil student response material for human scoring), cost savings will be even more significant by eliminating the material processing and additional project oversight and labor costs.

Projects that allow for distributed scoring represent even more potential for savings. **OSCAR was designed for distributed scoring, so teachers can be online and scoring in minutes from anywhere, on almost any device; eliminating costs associated with facility rental and scorer travel expenses.** OSCAR's sophisticated quality control and monitoring features allow for complete transparency into all scoring activities and the ability to easily manage large groups of scorers remotely.

In addition to the cost savings, scoring on OSCAR can create a tremendous opportunity for teacher professional learning and development. From the streamlined user-interface to integrated training, qualification and validity features, OSCAR is easier and more convenient than traditional performance scoring solutions from legacy assessment vendors. Due to the ease of use and time savings, teachers will be more inclined to participate in scoring activities, encouraging communication and professional learning across the district.

Regardless of the test delivery system used for online administration, OSCAR's sophisticated API's allow performance assessment responses to flow seamlessly into OSCAR and score data flows out to a proprietary data warehouses or score reporting systems.

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MZD's collective expertise in performance assessment and scoring makes it easier for educators to focus on creating more authentic opportunities for student assessment, effective instruction, and evaluation of student outcomes. Requiring vendors to explicitly document costs associated with the performance assessment platform and performance scoring costs – along with provisions in RFPs that allow for stand-alone, independent solutions to address performance scoring requirements – can potentially save hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for states and districts.

More About MZD, Inc.

MZD, Inc. was founded in 2015 in Iowa by a group of individuals who collectively have over 75 years of experience in the online assessment and performance scoring industry. MZD is focused on a single mission: delivering solutions that make performance assessments a reality for organizations of all sizes. The first product, OSCAR, was launched in 2015 and is currently in use with leading districts and test assessment organizations throughout the country. In 2018 OSCAR won the Audience Success Award at the 2018 ATP Conference's Innovation Lab. Since then, MZD has expanded its product suite with ADAM™, an assessment authoring, delivery, and management platform, and OSCAR Classroom™, a collaborative teacher-based performance assessment management platform. More information can be found at <https://mzdevinc.com>.

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