

Lincoln Empowered™ Overview



The purpose of this overview is to showcase the strengths of Lincoln Empowered™ and to communicate the advantages this curriculum provides for your school.

Course Structure

Lincoln Empowered™ courses are composed of learning activities called learning objects. A number of learning objects are presented together as lessons. Learning objects are individual pages and activities that provide students with the content and practice they need to master specific learning objectives, or goals, for a course. Students often are asked to demonstrate mastery of learning objectives by completing assessments. Ten different types of learning objects exist, as follows:



Read Its are the primary learning tools within a course. They contain the instructional content students need to demonstrate mastery of the learning objectives.



Practice Its are interactive activities that may be completed online or offline. Practice Its provide the opportunity for students to check their overall understanding of the learning objectives.



Show Its are non-graded activities that allow students to show mastery of a specific learning objective. Teachers can elect to make these gradable.



Answer Keys are included to accompany each of the Show Its. These can be hidden by teachers in the learning management system (LMS).



Apply Its are non-graded assessments that cover content from multiple lessons. Apply Its can be cumulative projects that allow students to demonstrate mastery of several learning objectives. Teachers can elect to make these gradable.



Assess Its are graded assessments that allow students to demonstrate mastery of learning standards. These take the form of online auto-graded and uploaded teacher-graded assessments.



Watch Its contain engaging videos to enhance the student learning experience. Watch Its may cover a standard, or they may bring abstract concepts to life.



Play Its contain exciting games to reinforce student learning.



Reinforce Its are lessons created to help students master specific learning objectives. Reinforce Its are great to review before taking assessments. They can also be used to assist students who are struggling by providing extra practice on difficult concepts.



Extend Its are lessons created to help students extend their knowledge in specific content areas.

Engagement

Within Lincoln Empowered™, students are engaged through various activities, videos, and simulations. Students may be asked to complete a task on paper, or they may engage with a variety of online activities. TextPoppers, for example, are found within the content as blue, bold text. Students can hover over or click on these to see definitions of key terms and phrases.

Online Activities

Online activities are embedded throughout Read Its and Practice Its. Students interact with these activities to build their understanding of new concepts and content. In Read Its, a Self Check question is provided at the end to check students' understanding of the content they read. In other places, students may encounter other types of activities, such as crossword puzzles, drag-and-drop activities, ordering activities, flashcards, seek-a-word activities, timelines, flipbooks, sequencing activities, and sorting activities.

Custom Activities

Lincoln Learning Solutions' custom activities are found primarily in Practice Its. They are a combination of different activities that provide an in-depth reinforcement of the content. These activities are visually engaging and may incorporate audio and video components. Each activity includes a few questions to help students gauge their understanding of the concepts.

PhET Simulations

PhET simulations are interactive, research-based science and math explorative activities. Within these simulations, students work with online manipulatives to use scientific inquiry and make real-world connections.

Videos

Videos are present within Watch It learning objects. Lincoln Learning Solutions' Creative Media team creates videos that are customized and unique to the curriculum. Discovery Education and Khan Academy videos are also used to supplement the curriculum.

Games

Lincoln Learning Solutions also creates games that are customized to the curriculum. Games can be found within Practice It and Play It learning objects. These games can include multiple levels and are styled like video games.

Standards

The Lincoln Learning Solutions Curriculum team ensures that every learning object is tightly aligned to nationally recognized learning standards. Rigorous content, activity sheets, videos, games, interactive simulations, and a variety of assessments, are used in each lesson so that students receive multiple ways to engage with, understand, and demonstrate their mastery of the content. Lincoln Empowered™ helps students to master key learning objectives and to feel success in their learning.

Elementary Assessment Guidelines

Full-year courses (except ELA) have a total of:

- **36 formative assessments**
(approximately one per week)
- **12 summative 50-point assessments**

EK through 2nd grade science and social studies courses have:

- **No graded assessments**

Full-year ELA courses have a total of:

- **108 formative assessments**
(approximately three per week, including a spelling assessment each week)
- **12 summative 50-point assessments**

Semester courses have a total of:

- **18 formative assessments**
(approximately one per week)
- **6 summative 50-point assessments**

Secondary Assessment Guidelines

Full-year courses have a total of:

- **36 formative assessments**
(approximately one per week)
 - 12-15 teacher-graded assessments
 - 21-24 online assessments
- **12 summative 50-point assessments**

Semester Courses have a total of:

- **18 formative assessments**
(approximately one per week)
 - 6-9 teacher-graded assessments
 - 9-12 online assessments
- **6 summative 50-point assessments**

NOTE: Some formative assessments in electives courses, such as Art, may be delivered as project-based assessments.

Materials and Kits

Materials and kits are available. Many of the required resources, like graph paper or letter cards, are linked within the courses.