"Must-know" Terms and Actions for the CCSS online assessments

This is a list of ten actions and terms students will encounter when taking the online assessments. Though simple, these terms are "must-knows" for students taking the new online tests.

**1) "Answer Box"** - Many of the assessment items require students to type or enter a response directly into a box on the screen. Often, the *answer box* is the only area that will record a student's response.

**2) "Backspace"** - The *backspace* button is used to erase what has been previously typed or entered. This allows students to delete part of their response and change an answer upon checking their work or determining an error was made.

**3) "Buttons"** - The online assessments contain various *buttons* that control navigation, response submissions, and steps needed to complete a problem. These buttons are often located next to one another and are square or rectangular in shape.

**4) "Click"** - A *click* is the act of the student pressing down on a mouse button (or with their finger on tables) in a specific space. Depending on the item, the interaction may require students to click on an object, number, equation, and/or answer box.

**5) "Drag"** -Used in conjunction with the click action, a student will use a drag to move an object or number throughout the online platform. Students are frequently required to drag various things, including geometric objects, parts of an equation, or specific information found in a table or chart.

**6) "Drop"** - Once students *click* on an item and *drag* it through the space they will need to *drop* it in a designated are. The *drop* is the final action of clicking and dragging an object, number, or equation.

**7) "Drop Down Menus"** -Students, at times, are required to choose from several options on a*drop down menu*. They *click* on a down arrow which then generates a menu of choices needed to complete the designated response.

**8) "Object"** - The online assessments also use a variety of *objects* such as geometric shapes, tables, charts, diagrams, and pictures. Students are required to interpret, manipulate, and use the objects to complete the mathematical work.

**9) "Reset"** - Students have the ability to clear and *reset* any completed mathematical work during the online tests. Clicking and/or pressing the reset button can clear all answer boxes, tables, charts, and text boxes.

**10) "Select"** - The select command is used as a synonym for the word - choose. Students are asked to select a variety of items including numbers, points on a graph, geometric objects, equations, and functions.