Smarter Balanced Assessment Item Illustrating 4.OA.C.5

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Example Stem: A pattern is generated using this rule: Start with the number 5 as the first term and add 2. Select True or False for each statement about the pattern.

	True	False
The terms alternate between even and odd numbers.		0
Each term is greater than the term before it.		
All possible multiples of 5 are terms in the pattern.		

Answer Key F; T; F

Elaboration on Alignment

This item nicely attends to the second part of standard 4.OA.C.5 that requires students to notice something about a particular pattern that may not have been evident based on the pattern's rule alone. There is also a subtle connection to standard 4.OA.B.4 by introducing the term "multiples" in a way that reinforces students' understanding of that concept in a slightly different context.

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