

Learning Progression

Formative Assessment: a process for making instruction more effective in order to improve student learning.

Prerequisite skill:

Know your content and content area standards.

Building Block:

Formative assessment is a planned process to monitor student learning.

Success Criteria:
I can...distinguish between the use of formative assessments and the use of tests (summative assessments).

Key question

What are the essential characteristics of formative assessment?

Building Block:

Formative assessment provides success criteria that define desired student learning.

Success Criteria:
I can...establish success criteria that clarify and communicate my expectations for student learning.

Key question

What criteria would I use to assess _____ (concept/skill)?

Building Block:

Formative assessment is a planned process.

Success Criteria:
I can...plan formative assessments for a progression of concepts and skills.

Key question

What is the progression of skills and knowledge students need to master the unit target

Building Block:

Formative assessment requires evidence of student

Success Criteria:
I can plan tasks that illicit evidence of student understanding

Key question

How do I know what the students know?

Learning Target:

Formative assessment informs modification of a teacher's current instructional practices.

Success Criteria:
I can...use evidence from formative assessment to adjust my current instruction and improve student learning.

Key question

What are my instructional next steps?

Learning Target:

Formative assessment informs adjustment of a student's current learning practices through feedback and peer and self assessment.

Success Criteria:
I can...suggest and facilitate a variety of learning techniques students can implement to improve their own learning.

Key question

What should the student understand about their own learning?

Target:

- Formative assessment is a planned process to determine current student learning.
- Teachers or students use formative assessment-based evidence to adjust

Later big ideas that build on this big idea include:

Formative Assessment is one piece of an assessment system that also includes other forms of assessment such as common assessments and summative tests.