Kansas Assessment Program Balanced Assessment System

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The Fundamentals

Structured Literacy: Ensuring effective literacy instruction. Standards Alignment: Aligning classroom instruction to standards.

Balanced Assessment System: Using data to inform instruction. Quality Instruction: Promoting quality instruction through high expectations.

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Types of Assessments

- Summative
- Formative
- Interim

- Diagnostic
- Universal Screener
- Progress Monitoring

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Balanced Assessment System

A balanced assessment system is a collection of assessments that work together to provide varying types of feedback about instruction and student learning.

In general terms, a balanced assessment system works to utilize formative, interim and summative assessments *for learning* and *of learning*. Formative Practices: Quick checks for understanding integrated into each lesson. Interim Assessments: Instructional, evaluate, predictive.

> End of the Year Summative Assessment.

For Learning

Of Learning

Standards

Formative Assessment

What is it?

Gauging how student learning is progressing while students are in the process of learning.

Providing ongoing descriptive feedback to learners.

What is it not?

Evaluating student achievement at the end of a sequence of learning.

Assigning grades/reporting achievement.

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Formative Assessment: Process



Teachers adjust teaching and learning in response to assessment information.



Students receive feedback about their learning, with advice on what they can do to improve.



Students are involved in the process through peer and self-assessment.

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Formative Assessment: Understand



Understand the achievement target.

Understand where the student is.

Understand how to close the gap between where they are and where they want to be.

More Than a Tool for the Educator

Builds self confidence in students



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Knowing the Target

- With formative assessments, students know the target for which they are aiming and information on how to close the gap of their learning.
- Game of "hot and cold" where someone tells you that you're getting closer or farther away to a hidden object.
- Info not helpful if you don't know what you are looking for.



Assessment FOR Learning

The core of formative assessment is addressing students' individual learning needs.



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Formative Assessment is ...

Formative assessment is about **what you do with the data** - not just about collecting the data!









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Formative Assessment, continued



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Definition of Formative Assessment

**Formative assessment is a process used by educators and students during instruction that provides feedback to adjust ongoing teaching and learning to improve students' achievement of intended instructional outcomes."

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Professional Development Assessment Literacy

- In collaboration with service centers across the state, teachers will be provided an opportunity to learn more about the different types of assessments and how they can use the data to drive instruction.
- Training sessions will be available beginning in the spring of 2025.

Assessment Conference

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