

Assessment for Learning

Target Audience: K-12 Teachers, All Content Areas, Administrators

Teacher Outcomes:

- Awareness Level:
 - To develop an understanding of the difference between Assessment *for* Learning and Assessment of Learning
 - To develop an understanding of curriculum based measurements
- Skill Level:
 - Use and design assessments to monitor and report student progress
 - Use the Descriptive Feedback process during instruction
- Implementation Level:
 - Use a variety of assessments to determine student progress and achievement
 - Use learning targets, state standards and curriculum to address student needs from assessment to lesson planning
 - Use descriptive feedback to increase student achievement
- Unconscious Competence:
 - Weaves descriptive feedback into lessons as the “norm” during instruction
 - Uses assessment to drive instruction

Data Analysis/Pre-Assessment Options:

- Teacher survey/evaluation of tests given and how data is used
- District test scores
- Student grades

Content/Modules:

1. Balanced Assessment: What is meant by assessment *for* and *of* learning
2. Learning Targets, State Standards, and Curriculum
3. Engaging the Learner in active self-reflection and self-evaluation
4. Designing assessments using the Assessment Development Cycle to do what *you* want
5. Four kinds of assessment items and using rubrics as instructional tools in the classroom
6. Using assessment to monitor student learning and plan instruction
7. Communicating about student learning (report cards/student conferencing/portfolios)

Possible Resources: Assessment for Student Motivation, Assessment for Learning: Classroom Assessment for High-Stakes Success, Classroom Assessment for Student Learning by Richard J. Stiggins and others, and a variety of other resources

Evaluation/Post-Assessment:

Teacher Outcomes:

- Post teacher survey to evaluate knowledge of quality assessments for learning
- Teacher assessment portfolio and reflection log
- Pre-post test data analysis

Fee: Based on the Individual District’s Plan

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