SETTING THE STAGE FOR FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

PART 1: THE STATE’S ROLE

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Setting the Stage for Formative Assessment Webinar Series

1. State
2. District
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LEARNING GOALS

1. Understand how formative assessment fits into a comprehensive assessment system.

2. Define formative assessment as an instructional practice.
LEARNING GOALS

3. Illustrate the formative assessment process as it is implemented during the school year.

4. Explain how formative assessment is represented in ESSA.
ASSESSMENT
Comprehensive Assessment System

YEAR-LONG LEARNING PROGRESSION
Comprehensive Assessment System

- Diagnostic/Placement Assessment
- Classroom Formative: In Process Evidence
- Classroom Formative: Formal Checks
- Classroom Summative
- Interim/Benchmark
- End of Year/Course Summative
Comprehensive Assessment System
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1. Diagnostic/Placement Assessment
2. Classroom Formative: In process evidence
3. Classroom Formative: Formal checks
4. Classroom Summative
Comprehensive Assessment System
What do you think is the next step for strengthening the role of formative assessment in your current assessment system?
Participants said...

• developing common language and a definition of formative assessment in the state agency and across the state

• providing professional development

• sharing success stories that highlight the power of formative assessment

• ensuring that people understand the intents of and resources to support the comprehensive assessment system
Comprehensive Assessment System
Formative Assessment Process

Learning Goals

Success Criteria

Pedagogical Action

Evidence Gathering & Analysis

Student-friendly language

Peer and self-assessment
FAST SCASS Definition

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

Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)
Formative Assessment for Students and Teachers (FAST) State Collaborative on Assessment and Student Standards (SCASS)
Formative assessment is a process that provides feedback during instruction to adjust ongoing teaching and learning. This feedback is used by teachers and students to improve students’ achievement of intended instructional outcomes.
In the chat box...

How would you persuade teachers to adopt formative assessment as an instructional practice?
Participants said...

• show great examples in both videos and in person
• show them data that supports formative assessment
• provide resources to help teachers see that it results in strategic interventions
• make it accessible to novice teachers
• collaborate within building with more expert teachers
• model formative assessment in adult learning and out-of-school contexts
• create different entry points for teachers at all levels of formative assessment knowledge and experience
Life Cycle of Formative Assessment
Comprehensive Assessment System
Learning Goals reflect standards, disciplinary practices, academic language, and classroom context.
Learning Goals and Success Criteria are written in student-friendly language and shared with students.
Success Criteria are observable.
Standards

Learning Progressions

Learning Goals

Standards
Is it formative assessment?

**ALIGNMENT**

Does the assessment directly align with your learning goals for a lesson?
Is it formative assessment?

**GRAIN SIZE**

Does the assessment address a limited number (i.e., 1-3) learning goals?
Is it formative assessment?

FEEDBACK

Does the assessment provide evidence of student learning in relation to the learning goals? Can you use that evidence to take pedagogical action?
Is it formative assessment?

TIMING

Is the assessment embedded within an instructional activity? Can you use the evidence from the assessment to take pedagogical action within the same lesson, day, or week?
Is it formative assessment?

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Does the assessment provide students with specific feedback on their progress and next steps?
In the chat box...

Briefly describe your state’s strongest achievement in implementing formative assessment.
Participants said...

• free and open curricular resources that promote formative assessment created by state agency

• inclusion in state strategic plan

• inclusion of formative assessment in state’s model of the instructional cycle and assessment literacy

• participation in national initiatives that highlight formative assessment
Bringing the Vision to Reality

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
Key Component of a Balanced Assessment System
Evidence-Based Instructional Practice
Multi-Tier System of Support
Think about one of your stakeholders. Taking one or more elements from ESSA, explain to that person why formative assessment is integral to student success.

- Key component of a balanced assessment system
- Evidence-based instructional practice
- Multi-tier support system
How can formative assessment be supported at the state level?

**Learning Goal #1**

Understand how formative assessment fits into a comprehensive assessment system.

**Success Criterion #1**

What do you think is the next step for strengthening the role of formative assessment in your current assessment system?
How can formative assessment be supported at the state level?

Learning Goal #2
Define formative assessment as an instructional practice.

Success Criterion #2
How would you persuade teachers to adopt formative assessment as an instructional practice?
How can formative assessment be supported at the state level?

**Learning Goal #3**

Illustrate the formative assessment process as it is implemented during the school year.

**Success Criterion #3**

Briefly describe your state’s strongest achievement in implementing formative assessment.
How can formative assessment be supported at the state level?

Learning Goal #4

Explain how formative assessment is represented in ESSA.

Success Criterion #4

Think about one of your stakeholders. Taking one or more elements of ESSA, explain to that person why formative assessment is integral to student success.
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1. State  CAS, definition, illustrations, ESSA
2. District  disciplinary support, curriculum planning, diverse learners
3. School  data analysis, lesson planning
4. Classroom  teacher practice, student engagement
Handouts & Contact Information

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