Framework of a Balanced Assessment System

Level \	Purpose	Formative Assessment for Management of	Formative Assessment	Summative Assessment
		Instruction	FOR Learning	OF Learning
Classroo	om Assessment Key decision maker(s)	Teacher	Student/teacher team	Teacher
•	Important instructional decisions to be made	What comes next in my students' learning?	Help student know: What comes next in my learning?	What grade or standards mastered to put on report card?
•	Information needed to inform decisions	Standards in appropriate learning progressions; Evidence of standards mastered and not yet	Student-friendly learning targets in learning progressions; Evidence of student's current place in progressions	Evidence of student mastery of each required standard
Commo	n Benchmark Tests			
•	Key Decision maker(s)	Teachers; but students may assist in interpreting and acting on results	Curriculum and Instructional leaders, teacher teams, PLCs	Curriculum and Instructional leaders
•	Instructional decisions to be made	Which standards do we tend to struggle mastering and why?	Which standards are our students struggling to master and why?	Which standards are broad samples of our student not mastering
•	Information needed to inform decisions	Evidence across classrooms of standards we have failed to master `	Evidence from assessments across classrooms of standards not mastered	Evidence of standards mastered across broad samples using common assessments
Annual	Tests	Requires evidence of student mastery of each standard	There is no viable assessment FOR learning role for annual tests	
•	Key decision maker(s)	Curriculum and instructional leaders		District leadership team, school board and community
•	Instructional decisions	What standards did our students not master?		Did enough of our students master required standards?
•	Information needed	Evidence of standards not mastered		Proportion of students mastering standards

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