

Assessment

There has been a lot of emphasis on effective assessment recently. Successful assessment strategies allow you to fairly and accurately evaluate the real learning of all your students. See whether your assessment strategies follow best practices in the field.

- You identify performance objectives, instruct according to these objectives, and then assess these performance objectives.
- When objectives are not attained, you plan intervention activities to re-teach objectives.
- You actively involve students by teaching self-assessment practices.
- You do not allow your attitudes towards assessment and standardized testing affect your students.
- You involve parents in the assessment process. For example, share student portfolios with parents by displaying them at conference time or sending them home.
- You try to eliminate the mystery of assessment criteria. Students should know the scoring rubrics ahead of time.
- You provide models of excellence.

Helpful Resources:

- Timely Topics: Assessment
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/professional/assessment/indexbk.htm>
- Reading Resources Network: Assessment and Intervention
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/reading/bestpractices/assessment.htm>