

ASSESSMENT

Learning is a process of creating personal meaning from new information and prior knowledge.

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Assessment is a critical component of any educational program. It involves the selection, collection, and interpretation of information about student performance and program adequacy. The assessment process is directed toward the improvement of instruction and the assurance of student success and may be accomplished through a variety of formats. Although the process includes grading, it encompasses a much greater scope.

In order to implement assessment fully, administrators and teachers must clearly define the skills that students are to master and must develop a coherent plan for assuring that mastery of those skills occurs. Additionally, the criteria for evaluation must be closely aligned to these goals and must be articulated to students.

Successful assessment is a collaborative effort and must involve a continuing two-way dialogue between teacher and student.