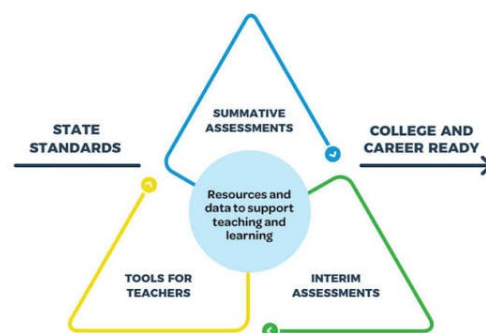


Using OSAS Interim Assessments Responsibly

Guidance for Interim Assessment Blocks and Focused IABs

OSAS Interim Assessment Blocks and Focused IABs are an integral component of a balanced assessment system. When used purposefully and consistently alongside formative assessment practices and summative assessments, they provide meaningful evidence of student learning so that educators can

- reflect on student learning,
- determine possible instructional next steps,
- and support student success.



Before you begin

Purpose

What evidence of learning am I trying to collect?

Alignment

What standards, targets, or recently taught content does this assessment address?

Use

How will the evidence inform teaching, feedback, and next steps?

	 DO	 DO NOT
SELECT WITH PURPOSE	• Start with a clear instructional question that matches taught content. • Choose the right IAB or Focused IAB to collect evidence of learning best.	• Do not test just to produce a score for categorizing students. • Do not choose an assessment by title alone without identifying assessment targets or standards.
MATCH ADMINISTRATION TO PURPOSE	• Use standardized administration when individual scores are needed. • Use selected items for discussion, feedback, or group work.	• Do not compare informal activities with standardized scores. • Do not assume every IAB must be given as a full test.
INTERPRET EVIDENCE IN CONTEXT	• Look for patterns in student responses to clarify learning. • Use results with other evidence to plan next instructional steps.	• Do not use results to limit access to instruction or enrichment activities. • Do not treat one score as a complete picture of learning.
PROTECT TESTING SECURITY	• Keep test items and responses secure within instruction.	• Do not post items online or in web-based classroom platforms.

LEARN MORE BY VISITING THE ODE INTERIM ASSESSMENT WEBSITE

OSAS Interim Assessment Overview Catalog

Find available IABs and Focused IABs by grade, subject, and assessment target.

OSAS Interim Assessment Canvas Course

Access the professional learning modules for selecting, administering, and using results.

