

ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION TOOL KIT

GATHERING INFORMATION	
METHOD	DESCRIPTION
Questioning	asking focused questions in class to elicit understanding
Observation	systematic observations of students as they process ideas
Homework	assignments to elicit understanding
Interviews	investigative discussions with students about their understanding and confusions
Demonstrations, presentations	opportunities for students to show their learning in oral and media performances, exhibitions
Quizzes, tests, examinations	opportunities for students to show their learning through written response
Performance tasks	complex tasks that encourage students to show connections that they are making among concepts they are learning
Computer-based assessments	systematic and adaptive software applications connected to curriculum outcomes
Simulations, docudramas	simulated or role-playing tasks that encourage students to show connections that they are making among concepts they are learning
Learning logs	descriptions students maintain of the process they go through in their learning
Projects and investigations	opportunities for students to show connections in their learning through investigation and production of reports or artifacts
INTERPRETING INFORMATION	
Developmental continua	profiles describing student learning to determine extent of learning, next steps, and to report progress and achievement
Checklists	descriptions of criteria to consider in understanding students' learning
Rubrics	descriptions of criteria with gradations of performance described and defined
Reflective journals	reflections and conjecture students maintain about how their learning is going and what they need to do next
Self-assessment	process in which students reflect on their own performance and use defined criteria for determining the status of their learning
Peer assessment	process in which students reflect on the performance of their peers and use defined criteria for determining the status of their peers' learning
RECORD KEEPING	
Anecdotal records	focused, descriptive records of observations of student learning over time
Student profiles, Checklists	information about the quality of students' work in relation to curriculum outcomes or a student's individual learning plan
Video/Audio tapes, photographs	visual or auditory images that provide artifacts of student learning
Portfolios	systematic collection of their work that demonstrates accomplishments, growth, and reflection about their learning
COMMUNICATING	
Demonstrations, presentations	formal student presentations to show their learning to parents, judging panels, or others
Parent-student-teacher conferences	opportunities for teachers, parents, and students to examine and discuss the student's learning and plan next steps
Records of achievement	detailed records of students' accomplishment in relation to the curriculum expectations
Report cards	periodic brief summaries of student learning for parents
Learning and assessment newsletters	routine summaries for parents, highlighting curriculum expectations, student activities, and examples of their learning