



Friday Focus

Greenup County Schools

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

When analyzing some of the most famous research that provides the foundation of basic educational training programs, John Hattie, author of Visible Learning, found that a formative assessment ranked among one of the top 5 actions teachers can do to move students to the next level. What makes formative assessment powerful? The ability to quickly see what students understand, and what they have left to learn. Sometimes we hear assessment and our ears turn off. “When can I just teach?” often comes to mind. However formative assessment is pivotal to guiding what to teach next. Have you ever sat in PD and

thought, “I have heard this before, why are they wasting my time?” Have you ever went to a session at a conference where you think things are way over your head and you don’t know what the speaker is referring to most of the time? Either of these situations can happen in a classroom as well. Each day our students come in with an open agenda. They choose what is important to them and what information they want to take in. Each day the ball is in your court to decide...Is what I am offering today, what they need to learn? Am I repeating

the same skill that they have already mastered? Is this work way beyond the 10% extra cognitive challenge that a person can endure? Can everyone move on today or do some need more help and others a challenge? It sounds like a simple concept but the art of differentiation, purposeful teaching, and scaffolding learning can not happen without formative assessment. A formative assessment should be quick, inform the instructor of what skills have been attained, and can provide a quick snapshot of where the ability of a class skill sets. Browse the links to the right for fresh ideas on formative assessments.

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Upcoming Academy Dates:

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- Social Studies Network 3/20
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[Formative Assessment Ideas- Edutopia](#)

[Kahoot](#)– free interactive quick assessment. [Stacey](#) can help with this!

[72 Ideas to show what you know](#)

[Open Ed Formative Assessment Creator](#)

[Assessment for Learning Video](#)

Testing Tip of the Week

Each week you will see a testing tip from the Kentucky Department of Education in this section. This week we will focus on accommodations.

TESTING REMINDER/TIP OF THE WEEK

Administration Code

Neither teachers nor students shall use electronic devices for personal use during a testing session, except in the case of an emergency. All personal electronic devices should be silenced or off during test administration. Personal electronic devices that meet the acceptable use criteria are allowable for test administration. Cell phone storage tip: place phones in individual zip closure plastic bags, fold top down, place a sticky label with the student’s name on the fold to adhere the top portion to the bag. Phones can stay on the desk making it easier for teachers to monitor

GAP Strategies of the Week:

- * Help students be motivated to learn. Students need programs with high expectations and support for reaching those expectation so they can have the motivating experience of success.
- * Honor the process of effort instead of the end result.