

Culture of Assessment

Guiding Question:

How can a positive assessment culture open up new possibilities to improve learning while empowering students?

Step 1 – Research

Students develop positive attitudes about assessment when they see the benefits for their own learning. Adults can learn a lot about assessment by listening to students.

Ask 5-10 students to identify an assessment, inside or outside school, that was especially meaningful or useful to them. Maybe it was advice from a coach, feedback on an art project from a teacher or peer, or results from a math test—**something that helped them understand their own strengths and areas for growth.**

Ask them to talk about what they learned and how they used that knowledge.

Step 2 – Reflect

Share your findings with your team and discuss these questions:

- What patterns do you see in students' answers?
- What did you learn? What surprised you? What excites you?
- What are your 2-3 top insights about establishing a positive culture of assessment? How can you draw on those insights to create practices to try this year and build on over time?

What assessment practices did students say were useful to them?	Why?

Top Insights

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