

Shared Decision- Making for Families



FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

10 TERMS TO KNOW

This resource is designed for families to gain knowledge about the formative assessment so they can support teachers in making decisions about their child.

Recommendations

- Implementation Settings
- Planned individual time
 - Family-teacher conferences
 - School events

Planning Time: None

Implementation Time: 15 minutes

Teachers can use this resource to support families in learning more about the formative assessment.

1. ASSESSMENT*



The process of documenting knowledge, skills, attitudes, and beliefs. It is a tool or method of gathering information about the abilities of children.

2. CONSTRUCT (SKILL)



A topic that describes an area of development or skill for your child. For example, book orientation is a construct that describes how your child physically handles books.

3. DOMAIN



The five main sections that constructs are divided into: Emotional & Social Development, Approaches to Learning, Cognitive Development, Language Development & Communication, and Health and Physical Development.

4. DOCUMENTATION FORM



A tool used by a teacher to record their observations of your child's progress.

5. FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT



A process used by teachers to gather information, in multiple ways, about your child's learning and development.

6. LEARNING STATUS



A term used to describe what skill level your child is on within a construct.

7. OBSERVATION



A process that involves a teacher watching and listening to one child or a group of children and recording what they see and hear.

8. PROGRESSION



A form that describes the steps that occur in learning a skill. Teachers can use observations to place each child on a point on the progression to inform support.

9. SITUATION



A structured activity given to a child to see a child's learning status through observation.

10. TASK



A process used by teachers to gather information, in multiple ways, about your child's learning and development.

RESOURCES

- National Council on Measurement in Education. (2016). Glossary. Retrieved from https://www.ncme.org/ncme/NCME/Resource_Center/Glossary/NCME/Resource_Center/Glossary1.aspx?hkey=4bb87415-44dc-4088-9ed9-e8515326a061