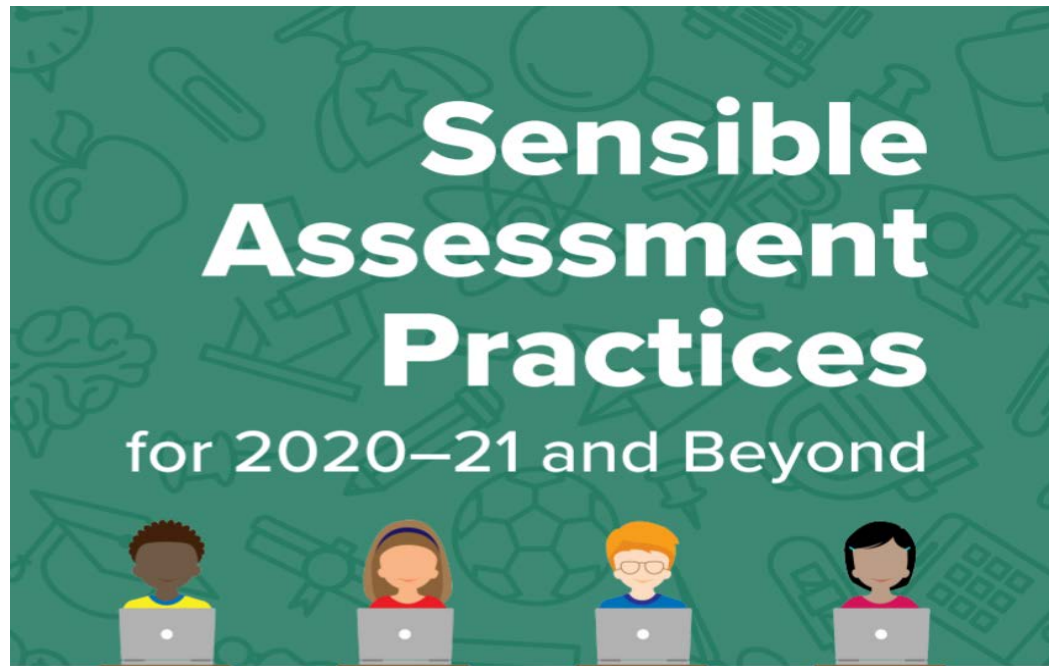



Introduction to the Sensible Assessment Practices



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Overview of Sensible Assessment Practices for 2020-21 and Beyond



Summer
2020 –Prior
to the Start
of School



Start of the
School Year



Rest of the
School Year



End of the
School Year

Sensible Assessment Practices in 2020–21 and Beyond

1. Summer 2020

★ Review Available Information

In lieu of a separate assessment, what can we already know about our students from existing data/information?*

Vertical Teams for Teachers, Interventionists, Instructional Specialists, and Related Service Providers

- What standards were taught in-person pre-COVID and during distance learning?
- How does the previous teacher describe the student's strengths and weaknesses?
- How well did the student engage in distance learning?

Longitudinal Data (Non-Assessment)

- Early Indication Tool support level (Low-Medium-High), attendance, discipline, mobility, course failures, etc.

Longitudinal Data (Assessment)

- K-Inventory, Smarter Balanced, NGSS, Alt. Assessments, LAS Links, IAB, F-IAB, Fall/Winter Benchmark, IEP Progress Reports

★ Plan the First Unit and Support Professional Learning

The first unit should not only engage students but also ensure that students will have a high probability of success. Teachers will need professional learning on topics such as assessment/data literacy, formative assessment practices, differentiated instruction, learning progressions, blended learning approaches/tools.

**Students new to CT public schools will likely need a screening and/or overall assessment such as the ICA or a local benchmark assessment.*

2. Start of the School Year

★ Build Community with New Class While Delivering the First Unit

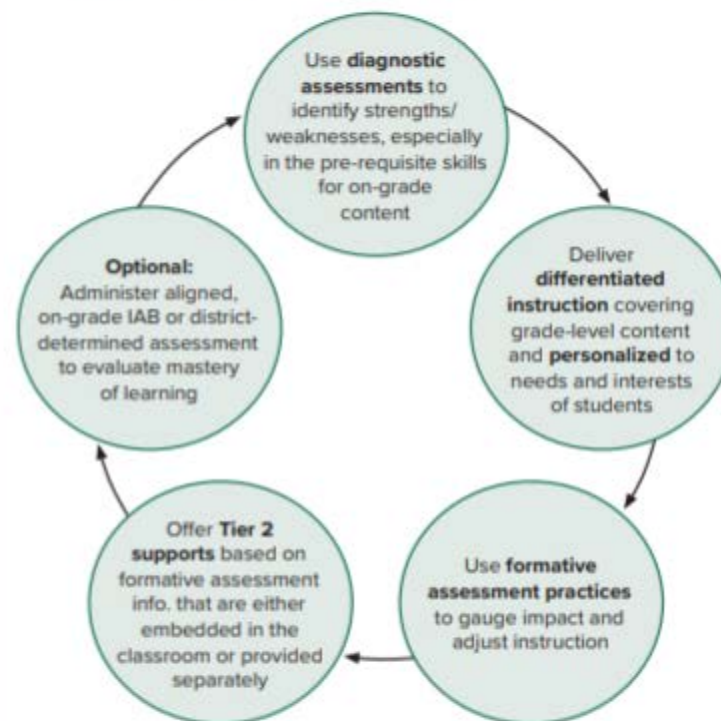
Acknowledge and address social-emotional learning needs and family/health/trauma issues due to pandemic. Start with a unit that is engaging and has high probability of success. Review key prior grade content if necessary.

- **Deliver differentiated instruction** by starting with engaging on-grade unit with high probability of success; review if necessary.
- **Use formative assessment practices** to gauge impact and adjust instruction.
- **Embed Tier 2 supports** in the classroom based on review of available information in the summer.

3. Rest of the School Year

★ Shift Fully to On-Grade Instruction with Scaffolds and Supports


If the first unit incorporates review, then the shift fully to on-grade instruction should occur within 2–3 weeks. Districts should identify pre-requisite content for each instructional unit and the corresponding diagnostic assessment.



4. End

★ Administer End-of-Year Summative Assessment

Administer an on-grade summative assessment (which may be the state assessment for students in Grades 3–8 and 11) to evaluate overall achievement on state standards



Sensible Assessment Practices Webinar Overview



Start of School Year Analyzing qualitative and quantitative data to make informed decisions for **ALL** students



Building Community Building an effective community of learners while meeting the needs of **ALL** students (onsite, remote)



Beginning with Units Designed for Success
Modeling a unit of instruction and assessment
-Grade 5 standards



Instruction and Assessment Cycle Building from the instructional plan established for the academic year



Focusing on Sensible Assessment Practices Year Round



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