

Data Driven Instruction: Summative vs. Formative Assessments

	Summative Assessment	Formative Assessment
What is it?	Assessment OF Learning	Assessment FOR Learning:
Purpose	A tool for grading and ranking student <i>mastery</i> of standards	A tool for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tracking where students are at any point <i>in the process</i> of mastery; • aligning data to learning practices
When	Conducted after instruction	Conducted during instruction
Student Role	Get the highest score	Get better over time
Teacher Role:	Use as a baseline to grade student mastery of standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the skill and sub-skill; • Deconstruct the sub-skill into Learning Targets students can understand; • Identify or create an Assessment for Learning to determine where students are in the process of mastering the Learning Target(s) needed to meet the standard; • Use the Assessment for Learning in collaboration with your team to track student improvement <i>over time</i>.