

## REL Corner: Embedding Authentic Formative Assessment

[Learn about the REL Appalachia and its work](#), and dive into these resources on embedding authentic formative assessment.

- [Every Child Shines: Using Formative Assessment to Reflect on Children’s Individual Knowledge and Skills](#). This REL Southwest video provides an introduction to formative assessment in prekindergarten and kindergarten classrooms. Viewers will learn best practices as well as some of the benefits and uses of formative assessment data at the classroom, local, and state levels.
- [Formative Assessment and Elementary School Student Achievement: A Review of the Evidence](#). This REL Central review identifies rigorous studies of the effectiveness of formative assessment on elementary school student achievement. This review finds that overall, formative assessment had a positive effect on student achievement.
- [What Does the Research Say About Project-Based Learning and Performance Tasks for Improving and Assessing Student Learning in Secondary School English Language Arts and Social Studies Classes?](#) This Ask A REL response from REL Appalachia shares research reports and descriptive study articles on the impact of project-based learning and how to use performance tasks as formative assessment data to improve instruction at the secondary level.
- [Trainings Support Teachers to Understand and Use Kindergarten Formative Assessment Data](#). This REL Central blog describes a series of trainings for teachers on Kindergarten Formative Assessments (KFA) best practices. As a result of the three sessions, teachers gained a better understanding of KFA objectives and discovered how to better use KFA data.
- [Making Adjustments When Doing Formative Assessment](#). This Ask a REL response from REL West shares research reports and descriptive study articles on analyzing formative assessment data to improve student outcomes.
- [What Available Research or Resources are Related to Designing and Implementing Performance-Based Assessments in Science and Mathematics at the Elementary School Level?](#) This Ask A REL response from REL Appalachia shares research reports and descriptive study articles on designing and utilizing performance-based assessments as formative data to improve science and mathematics instruction.
- [Teaching Secondary Students to Write Effectively Practice Guide Summary](#). This IES practice guide provides three strategies for teaching students to write effectively, one of which includes using a formative assessment of student writing to inform instruction and feedback.