

Assessment in Action: Promising Practices in Wisconsin

Focus of Unit: The focus of this unit is to provide real life examples of assessment and data practices in Wisconsin Schools.

Audience: Pre-service teachers, veteran teachers, administrators.



This unit is a part of the Assessment and Data Literacy E-Learning Series. We encourage you to explore the other units and modules for additional information to answer questions you may have after you view this module.



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What is the Strategic Assessment System in Wisconsin?



Strategic Assessment Systems (SAS) **measure progress toward college and career readiness**, including academic preparedness and social-emotional competence, across classrooms, schools, districts, and the state. When implemented strategically and systematically, assessment systems - including formative, interim, and summative measures - **lead to improved student outcomes**.



Strategic Assessment Video

Look for:

- The purposeful alignment of assessments and their use in the data inquiry process.
- The primary role formative assessment plays in driving the teaching and learning.
- High quality assessments producing information about students' readiness for college and career with the least amount of testing.



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What's Assessment All About?

Learn how schools use Strategic Assessment Systems to ensure students graduate college and career ready.



Moving Theory to Action

Understanding Strategic Assessment can be difficult without models of practice:

- How are schools and districts using strategic assessment systems to ensure students graduate college and career ready?
- What types of assessment are schools and districts using to make up their Strategic Assessment Systems?
- How are schools and districts using data within their Strategic Assessment System?
- What assessment tools are schools using to collect evidence of student learning?



Promising Practices in Wisconsin

Throughout Wisconsin, districts and schools are pioneering promising practices in student assessment, moving from the theory of a strategic assessment system to a viable system that ensures students will graduate college and career ready.

Examples of these promising practices are being shared in WISELearn (a part of the Wisconsin Information System for Education (WISE)). They reflect only a glimpse of what Strategic Assessment Systems look like in schools and districts across Wisconsin.



WISELearn

WISELearn Resources

The **WISELearn Resources Library** provides a centralized location for connecting Wisconsin educators and sharing classroom and professional learning resources.

The WISElearn site also allows educators to share experiences and learning resources with other Wisconsin educators.



Learn about how WISELearn provides classroom and professional learning resources.



Accessing Promising Practices

To access vignettes of promising assessment practices in Wisconsin schools, go to [WISELearn](https://wlresources.dpi.wi.gov/) (<https://wlresources.dpi.wi.gov/>) and search for Assessment in Action.



The screenshot shows the WISELearn Resources Library website. The header includes the logo "WISELearnResources" and navigation links for "Discover", "Hubs", "Groups", "Add OER", and "Sign In/Register". The main content area features a large background image of smiling students. The title "WISELearn Resources Library" is prominently displayed. Below the title is a welcome message: "Welcome to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's dynamic digital library and network. Explore our resources and join Wisconsin educators dedicated to curriculum, instruction, professional learning, and collaboration." A search bar is highlighted with a blue box and a blue arrow pointing to it. The search bar contains the text "Assessment in Action" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar are three dropdown menus labeled "Subject", "Education Level", and "Standard", followed by a green "Search" button. At the bottom of the page, a dark blue banner reads "Extensive Library, Powerful Findability".



Promising Practices

The following units are available in the Assessment in Action folder in [WISELearn](#). Please check the folder for additional topics as they are added. If you would like to add a promising practice used in your school or district, please submit a [Promising Practice Submission Form](#).

- Assessment in Action: Assessment Engaged Learners-Johnson Creek Elementary School
- Assessment in Action: Culture of Data Literacy-Grant Elementary School (Wausau)
- Assessment in Action: Formative Assessment Practices-Chippewa Falls Middle School
- Assessment in Action: Implementing Universal Design for Learning-Bowler Elementary/Middle School
- Assessment in Action: Personalized Learning & Assessment-Marathon Elementary and Venture School
- Assessment in Action: Personalized Learning & Assessment-West Salem High School
- Assessment in Action: Portfolio Assessment-Mineral Point Elementary School
- Assessment in Action: Strategic Assessment Process-Lake Superior Intermediate School (Ashland)

Link to Promising Practices Form: <https://forms.gle/DJSAvhMvVCdrWsnNZ>



Assessment and Data Literacy E-Learning


For more information about assessment and data literacy please visit the Wisconsin DPI website to access the [Assessment and Data Literacy E- Learning Series](https://dpi.wi.gov/strategic-assessment/professional-learning/assessment-and-data-literacy-e-learning-series).

Assessment and Data Literacy E-Learning Series

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has developed a series of three assessment and data literacy e-learning modules designed to provide flexible learning opportunities for pre-service teachers, veteran teachers, administrators, and school board members. The modules may be accessed via slides to be used as a district-wide, school-wide, or small group PLC learning experience or, individually via an online learning platform. They are housed on the DPI website:
dpi.wi.gov/strategic-assessment/professional-learning/assessment-and-data-literacy-e-learning-series


The comprehensive, on demand modules, Assessment Literacy, Data Literacy and Strategic Assessment Systems, are broken down into smaller units of study that can be taken in any order, at any point in time based on the specific needs of the user.

Module 1
Assessment Literacy




The seven unit Assessment Literacy Module is designed to provide deeper knowledge of the interconnectivity and use of local and state assessments to inform teacher practice and involve students in their own learning and assessment process.

Module 2
Data Literacy




The three unit Data Literacy Module is designed to provide a background in data literacy to facilitate the interpretation and use of local and state assessment data to inform teacher practice and improve student achievement.

Module 3
Strategic Assessment Systems



The Strategic Assessment Systems Module is designed to increase the understanding of assessment systems to better select, implement, and interpret the results of both local and state assessments - formative, interim, and summative - within a balanced assessment system to inform teacher practice and improve student achievement.

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Resources

- Promising Practices Submission Form <https://forms.gle/DJSAyhMvVCdrWsnN7>
- Assessment and Data Literacy E- Learning Series
<https://dpi.wi.gov/strategic-assessment/professional-learning/assessment-and-data-literacy-e-learning-series>
- Assessment in Wisconsin <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment>
- WISELearn Resources Library <https://wlresources.dpi.wi.gov/>
- WISExplore Homepage <https://dpi.wi.gov/wisexplore>
- WISEdash Public Portal <https://dpi.wi.gov/wisedash>
- Wisconsin's Strategic Assessment Systems (SAS) <https://dpi.wi.gov/strategic-assessment>

