

Benchmarks

One type of benchmark assessment can provide early warning by identifying students that are at risk of scoring below proficient on the state assessment. Others are an actual measurement of group performance against an established goal. We are using both types of benchmark assessments.

NeSA-R Benchmarks

Description:

We have created benchmarks to align with the state reading assessment (NeSA-R). This set of three quizzes is given to students in grades 3-8 and 11 three times a year. The same three selections will be used each time. They should look familiar as they are taken from the old STARS tests.

Teachers will be given a master copy of this 3-selection quiz. They are to make student copies of each packet. The assessment office will then check the tests and report scores back to the teachers.

Purpose:

These tests items are to be used for assessment purposes only. That is not the same as providing information on instructional strategies. The idea is to see how students progress on answering questions much like those that could be found on the state reading test.

Timeline:

They are to be administered the weeks of 8/23/10, 12/11/010, and 3/21/11.

AIMSweb Benchmarks

Students in Grades k-6 take AIMSweb benchmarks three times per year. These benchmarks help us see where the students perform related to an established goal. These goals are identified and more information is contained in the AIMSweb section.