

New Ways of Thinking About Assessment: Websites*

New York Performance Standards Consortium

This organization represents 28 schools across New York State that opposes high stakes testing and is committed to using a different kind of assessment system based on performance assessments. Their website contains all kinds of useful information about the schools in the consortium and about performance assessments as a practical tool for evaluating students.

<http://performanceassessment.org/>

Jay McTighe's Website

Go to resources/UbD related websites, and then to “stage two” items on assessment, for a number of websites that will be helpful for finding and developing performance tasks and rubrics.

www.jaymctighe.com

Sabine Parish School District

This school district provides excellent assessment information.

<http://www.sabine.k12.la.us/vrschool/assessment.htm>

Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

A collection of assessment strategies, many of which promote open-ended thinking and learning.

http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/frameworks/mathsci/ms5_2as1.htm

Intel's Assessing Projects Website

Intel has developed an interesting website to help teachers “create assessments that address 21st century skills and provide strategies to make assessment an integral part of ... teaching and student learning.

<http://www97.intel.com/in/AssessingProjects>

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Kathy Schrock's Guide For Educators

The assessment and rubric information page, linked below, provides resources and information about rubrics and performance assessments. Also included is information about portfolios, graphic organizers, and report cards.

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/assess.html>

Performance Assessments, Rubrics and Portfolios

This site, built around a course on assessment, has practical and timely information on performance assessments, rubrics, and student portfolios. Click on performance assessments to link to these three areas.

<http://add-it.coe.missouri.edu/rc/pa.html>

Exemplars

Exemplars is a company that provides performance assessment resources in mathematics, science, and writing. The high quality materials can be purchased, along with professional development training and technical support in these areas.

<http://www.exemplars.com/>