

Assessment Resources in Math and Science

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This resource list was compiled for the Virginia Math & Science Coalition as a response to the need for the more classroom-based assessment tools for teachers that are consistent with the mathematics and science practices. A particular focus was given to formative assessment, project-based learning and problem-based learning for math and science. The review situates assessment in Virginia within the national context of assessment resources being developed in conjunction with national initiatives such as the *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics* and the *Next Generation Science Standards*.

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Two consortia including multiple states are developing assessment for Common Core to be delivered in 2014-2015

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Online Resources for Tasks

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WestEd Formative Assessment Task Banks for Science - <http://www.wested.org/new-resources-making-sense-of-science-formative-assessment-task-banks/>

Education Northwest, Assessing Mathematical Understanding - <http://educationnorthwest.org/resources/assessing-mathematical-understanding>

New England Common Assessment Program, Inquiry Tasks for Science - <http://education.vermont.gov/assessment/necap/resources/practice-tests#science>