



Arts Education Assessment References and Resources

The following are selected resources (mostly online and free) for designing and implementing assessment in arts or arts-integrated lessons, programs, or schools.



Videos

1. An [Introduction to Comprehensive Assessment](#) from Edutopia
2. [Assessment Tutorial from Annenberg](#) (video segment)
3. [Making a Case for Comprehensive Assessment](#)



Reports and Guides

4. Alliance for Excellent Education. [Principles for a Comprehensive Assessment System](#).
5. Linda Darling-Hammond. [Performance Counts: Assessment Systems that Support High-Quality Learning](#). CCSSO.
6. [2008 Arts Education Assessment Framework](#). National Assessment Governing Board and the U.S. Department of Education. The NAEP Arts Framework, developed originally for the 1996 National Assessment, includes information on designing assessment items.
7. National Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing (CRESST). [Portfolio Assessment and High Technology](#). Dated, but still useful.
8. National Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing (CRESST). [Scoring Handbook](#). Dated, but still useful on training of raters.
9. Pistone, N. (2003). [Envisioning Arts Assessment: A Process Guide for Assessing Arts Education in School Districts and States](#). Arts Education Partnership and the Council of Chief State School Officers.
10. U.S. Department of Education. [Performance Assessment Consumer Guide](#).



Websites

11. SRI. [Achieving Balance in Districtwide Arts Assessment Systems: A Review of Issues and Promising Approaches](#)
12. [2008 National Assessment of Educational Progress](#) (NAEP) in the arts, a source of sample items.
13. [Alliance for Arts Learning Leadership](#), Alameda County, CA, assessment resources based on the Studio Habits of Mind: (general Website for Alliance); [Planning Resources](#), with more specific information on assessment
14. [Annotated resource list](#) developed by the New England Arts Assessment Network (NEAAN).
15. [ArtsEdge](#) at the Kennedy Center, with assessment examples
16. [EdSteps](#), a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers, pioneering tools to assess student performance and growth in skills that are not traditionally assessed in schools.
17. [Edutopia](#): The George Lucas Foundation
18. [Looking at Student Work](#), an essential site for guidance and resources in the critical analysis of student work as an assessment tool.
19. National Center for Education Statistics. [Developing an Arts Assessment: Some Selected Strategies](#)
20. Ohio Department of Education, [searchable database of assessments](#) keyed to standards
21. SCASS [Arts Education Assessment Consortium](#), with several free resources including an *Arts Assessment Glossary*, an *Arts Assessment Bibliography*, and an Arts Handbook--*Arts Assessment: Developing Performance Tasks*
22. [Vermont Arts Council](#) integration assessment examples
23. Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction - [Arts Classroom-Based Performance Assessments](#) (CBPAs):



Books

24. Burnaford, G., Aprill, A., and Weiss, C. (2001). [*Renaissance in the Classroom: Arts Integration and Meaningful Learning*](#)
25. Burnaford, G., et. al. (2007). [*Arts Integration Frameworks, Research & Practice: A Literature Review*](#). A useful resource for framing a discussion of arts integration

Assessment in General

26. Good assessment being similar across disciplines, the reader may wish to examine some of the examples from Grant Wiggins and Jay McTighe at the [Understanding by Design Exchange](#) or more generally at [ASCD](#).
27. Forum on Educational Accountability, August 2007. [Assessment And Accountability for Improving Schools and Learning: Principles and Recommendations for Federal Law and State and Local Systems](#)

Future Resources

Through **Improving the Assessment of Student Learning in the Arts**, the National Endowment for the Arts is working in cooperation with WestEd to collect and analyze information on current practices and trends in the assessment of K-12 student learning in the arts, and to make information on practices available in ways that can help advance arts learning across the nation. AEP will update information as it becomes available.

Questions or Suggestions

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