

THE EFFECTS OF FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT AND ITS ROLE IN IMPROVING THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF LEARNERS

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Formative assessment is an integral tool in the current education system that helps the teacher gauge the progress of the child. Unlike summative assessment, which is performed at the conclusion of the learning process, a formative assessment is a continuous process during the learning process. Formative assessment helps the teacher as well as the child to know the areas of strength and weakness, which will ultimately result in good academic results.

One of the main advantages of using formative assessments is that it enables teachers to offer instruction according to the needs of their students. By judging the way their students react to the instruction method, teachers can modify their way of teaching so that those students who are having difficulties are helped. Quiz performances, class discussions, peer reviews, and writing activities help teachers to get a better idea about the next course of action.

Formative assessment is also a powerful means for students to take responsibility in learning. When learners receive constructive feedback, they are made aware of their mistakes and they learn how to correct them. The process initiates self-reflection, goal-setting, and increases confidence in their ability to perform better. Engaging students in formative assessments motivates them and helps them become responsible for their learning.

Moreover, formative assessment does not allow the classroom environment to suffer from negativity. It stresses the learning process rather than one-time judgments that often make students anxious in relation to exams. Students feel supported and understood, which can improve participation, collaboration, and overall classroom engagement.

In conclusion, formative assessment is a powerful approach toward improving the performance of students. By providing feedback in due time, guiding instruction, and encouraging self-reflection, it helps learners reach their fullest potential. When done consistently and thoughtfully, it strengthens teaching effectiveness and enhances overall learning outcomes through formative assessment.

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