

State Assessments:

Inspiring Student Commitment



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How do you get students to buy-in to state mandated assessments?

While there's no magic formula, there are practical strategies teachers can use to boost participation and encourage students to give their best effort. With the right support, state assessments can become a more purposeful and constructive part of the educational experience.

Discuss the Purpose

Throughout the year, discuss with students about how the assessment results are used and how important it is to you as a teacher that you get the results because it:

Helps teachers know what students have learned.

Provides teachers with feedback on how they can improve their teaching.

Helps students and parents know if a student is making progress.

Set Goals

Student Goals: Provide students with their previous state assessment scores at the beginning of the year. Help the student set a goal to increase their score at the end of the year. Have students take benchmarks, interims, or use progress monitoring scores and track how they are doing throughout the year.

Class Goals: Set a class goal for proficiency that is an increase from the prior year.



Believe in Them

Let your students know that you have prepared them for the state assessment and that you believe that they can be successful as a class.

Have one on one conversations with students about their goals and that you believe they can meet their goals.