Assess Formatively

Set Data-Aligned Targets and Responding to Identified Priorities through Effective Instruction and Assessment

How do you assess formatively?
Make the directions clear.
Give students the opportunity to check their work.

Meet the standard:
Check your work—is it
✓ complete?
✓ correct?
✓ clear?

Guide students—make it clear what they need to improve. Give students the opportunity to improve their work.

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Example of a format to assess responsively

Learning Goal	Ways to Assess It	Ways to help students who need support.
How to read	multiple choice questionsshort-answer constructed responseStudents complete	students "peer coach" student explains the reading in own words student draws pictures to show what the
	graphic organizers	reading means
How to solve a math problem	students solve problemstudents write guide to solving problemsStudents complete "math path"	students "peer coach" student writes guide to solving problems student corrects a problem solving example student completes a "step by step" problem solving chart.
How to write	students write effectivelystudents write guide to writingstudents correct writing with errors	students "peer coach" students write a "how to" writing guide students use writing "scaffold"—a graphic organizer that structures their writing
Content Area Concepts	students give examples of ideas students match concepts and information students complete graphic organizers	students "peer coach" students make glossaries students make exhibit to clarify an idea students co-author booklets on topics