Other Developmental Resources:
Monitor Learning

Use aligned assessments

Quick Resources:

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium *(tools)*

Mastery Connect: K-12 Assessment & Curriculum Tools *(tools)*

Achievement Network: Interim Assessments *(tools)*

Align with lesson, unit, and annual goals

Spotlight On: Academic Resources:

Student Achievement Partners: Achieve the Core *(frameworks, tools, templates, lessons, samples, assessments, academic word finder, tasks, coherence map)*

Instructional Practice Guides aligned to Common Core in ELA, Math, History/Social Studies, Science & Technical Subjects across all grade levels

Classroom resources for ELA/Literacy and Math

Teaching the Core *(videos)*

Coherence Map for math *(tools)*

Lesson Planning Tool *(tools)*

Core Literacy Lessons from the Text Set Project *(tools)*

Read Aloud Project *(tools)*

ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies curriculum *(tools)*

Everybody Writes *(tool)*

Phrases for Building Students' Writing Stamina *(tool)*

Prompting for Revision, A Menu of Ideas *(tool)*

Close Reading Concept Paper *(framework)*

Close Reading 101 *(video)* + **Phases of Understanding** *(tool)*

Close Reading Rubric *(tool)*

Guided Reading Concept Paper *(framework)*

Guided Reading Rubric *(tool)*

Guided Reading Lesson Plan Template *(tool)*

Explore Curriculum *(searchable resources)*

Enhance Instruction *(searchable resources)*

More

Success Academies Education Institute: Literacy Curriculum for K-8 *(tools, e-courses)*

CommonLit.org: Free literacy resources and progress tracking tools *(tools)*

Reading Without Limits Companion Site *(tools)*

Achievement Network: Qualitative Text Complexity Screencast *(tutorial video)*

What does it take to implement a strong curriculum effectively? by Instructional Partners *(white paper)*

Papers & Books

ASCD: The Core Six Essential Strategies for Achieving Excellence with the Common Core *(book)*

ACSD, Education Update: How to Plan Effective Lessons *(journal article overview)*

Incorporate standards-based grading

Quick Resources:

KIPP: Looking at Student Work Protocol *(tool)*

Papers & Books:

ASCD: Rethinking Grading: Meaningful Assessment for Standards-Based Learning *(book)*

ASCD: Grading Smarter, Not Harder: Assessment Strategies That Motivate Kids and Help Them Learn *(book)*

Capture data on both mastery and growth

Quick Resources:

ASCD, Educational Leadership: Lessons of Mastery Learning *(short article)*

Papers & Books:

Teaching As Leadership: The Highly Effective Teacher's Guide to Closing the Achievement Gap *(book)*

Driven by Data 2.0: A Practical Guide to Improve Instruction *(book)*

Track with an effective and efficient system

Quick Resources:

EdSurge News: Instead of Paying Thousands for Student Data Systems, Try This Free Option Instead *(short article)*

Papers & Books:

Driven by Data: A Practice Guide to Improve Instruction *(book)*

Standardize and automate some components

Spotlight On: Tech Tools

Edlight: Quickly see and give feedback on authentic student work *(tools)*

EdSurge: Product Index, Classroom Response System, includes teacher reviews and case studies *(tools)*

Poll Everywhere: Live audience participation to engage your class in real time *(tool)*

Socrative: Quickly assess students with prepared activities or on-the-fly questions to immediately gain insight into student understanding *(tool)*

Collect and compare multiple data points

Quick Resources:

Choice Literacy: Triangulating, The Importance of Multiple Data Points When Assessing Students *(short article)*

Edutopia.org: 3 Ways Student Data Can Inform Your Teaching *(short article)*

Papers & Books:

ASCD: How to Make Decisions with Different Kinds of Student Assessment Data *(book)*

Responsive Classroom: Watching and Learning, using observation to get to know students at the beginning of the year *(Q&A with author)*

NCTE, Read Write Think: Tracking and Supporting Student Learning with Kidwatching *(framework)*

Scholastic: Observing Students, Informal Strategies for Effective Assessment *(short article)*

National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP): Using Student Achievement Data to Support Instructional Decision Making *(report)*

Conduct pre-tests for baseline data

Quick Resources:

Educational Leadership: All About Assessment / Diagnosing the Diagnostic Test *(article)*

Assess student grasp daily

Quick Resources:

The Teacher Toolkit: Independent Practice *(tools)*

Uncommon Schools: Assessments, Redefining Rigor *(video)*

Spotlight On: Exit Tickets:

The Teacher Toolkit: Exit Tickets *(video & tools)*

Match Mini: Ending with an Exit Ticket *(quick tutorial)*

Papers & Books:

ASCD: How to Design Questions and Tasks to Assess Student Thinking *(book)*

Classroom Assessment for Student Learning *(book)*

Classroom Assessment Techniques, 2nd Edition *(book)*

So What Do They Really Know? Assessment that Informs Teaching and Learning *(book)*

Driven by Data: A Practice Guide to Improve Instruction *(book)*

Use interim assessments (unit, quarter)

Quick Resources:

ASCD, Educational Leadership: The Best Value in Formative Assessment *(short article)*

Spotlight On: Web-Based Assessment Tools:

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

Achievement Network: Interim Assessments

Mastery Connect: K-12 Assessment & Curriculum Tools

Papers & Books:

ASCD: How to Make Decisions with Different Kinds of Student Assessment Data: Chapter on Interim/Benchmark Assessments and Common Formative Assessments *(book)*

ASCD: The Formative Assessment Action Plan: Practical Steps to More Successful Teaching and Learning *(book)*

Observe student activity

Quick Resources:

NCTE, Read Write Think: Tracking and Supporting Student Learning with Kidwatching *(framework)*

Scholastic: Observing Students, Informal Strategies for Effective Assessment *(short article)*

Responsive Classroom: Watching and Learning – using observation to get to know students at the beginning of the year *(Q&A with author)*

Use surveys for formal student feedback

Quick Resources:

Edutopia: 3 Ways of Getting Student Feedback to Improve Your Teaching *(short article)*

Better Cloud: Capturing Student Feedback with Google Forms *(quick tutorial)*

Generate reports to summarize mastery and growth and to guide instructional change

Quick Resources:

Mastery Connect: web-based tool offers a mastery tracker, resource pins, assessment sharing, and time-saving grading tools *(tools)*

SchoolZilla: store and view interactive data dashboards to make actionable decisions about data *(tool)*

Achievement Network: myANet screencast *(tutorial video)*

Papers & Books:

Teaching As Leadership: The Highly Effective Teacher's Guide to Closing the Achievement Gap *(book)*

Driven by Data: A Practice Guide to Improve Instruction *(book)*

Analyze data for individuals' needs, trends, and outliers in each class and across school

Quick Resources:

Uncommon Schools: Action: Teaching More Effectively Because of Data Analysis *(video)*

Uncommon Schools: Data-Driven Instruction: Leading Analysis Meetings *(video)*

Papers & Books:

IES Practice Guide: Instructional improvement cycle: A teacher's toolkit for collecting and analyzing data on instructional strategies *(tool)*

Driven by Data: A Practice Guide to Improve Instruction *(book)*