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Using Common Formative Assessments and Student Performance Data to Improve Classroom Instruction



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Skill Assessment Online

Key Components:

- District educators maintain complete content and scheduling control
- Enormous flexibility and expandability to meet district needs
- Completely web-based
- Real-time results
- Varied and flexible reporting feature and clickable graphs
- Online training tutorials and district resources components
- Ease of use and hierarchical access

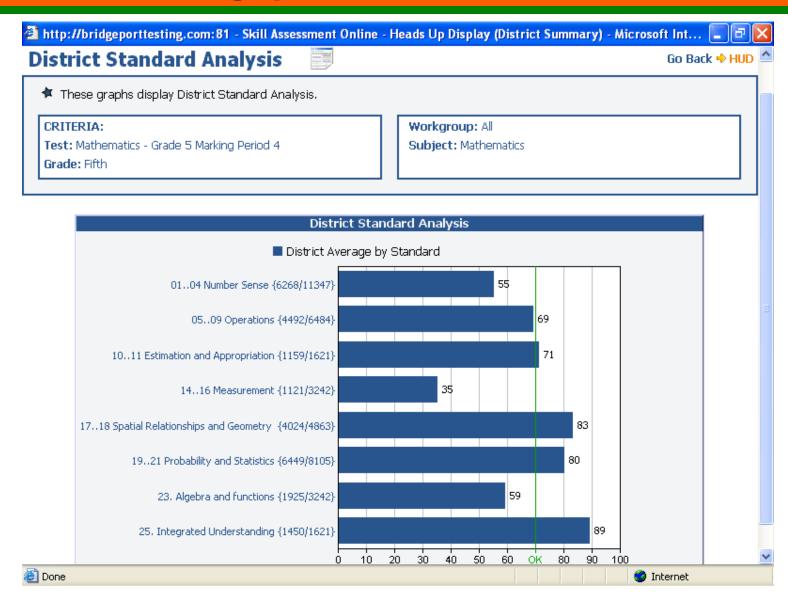


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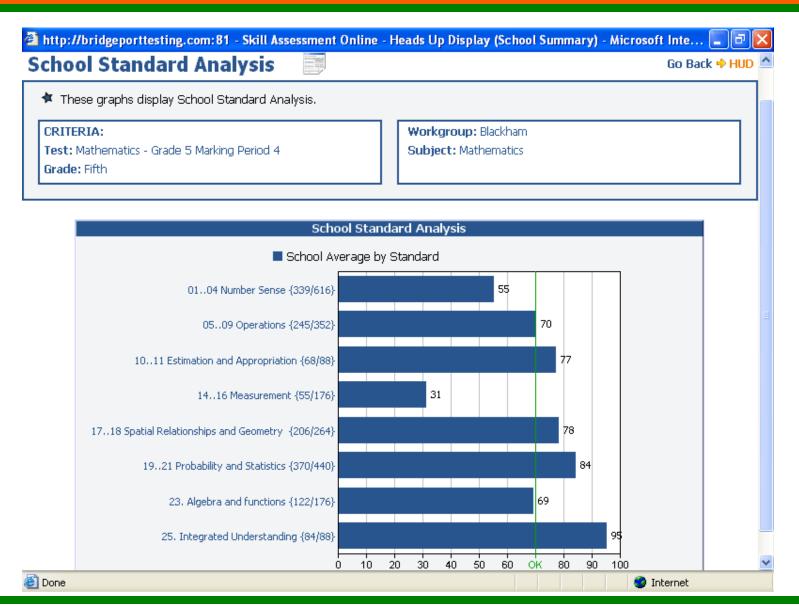
Benchmark Assessments

- Quarterly mathematics and reading formative assessments that are tightly aligned to state standards and district pacing guides
- Given in grades 3, 5, 6 and 7
- Key for providing ongoing feedback to administrators, principals and teachers on instructional programs and progress

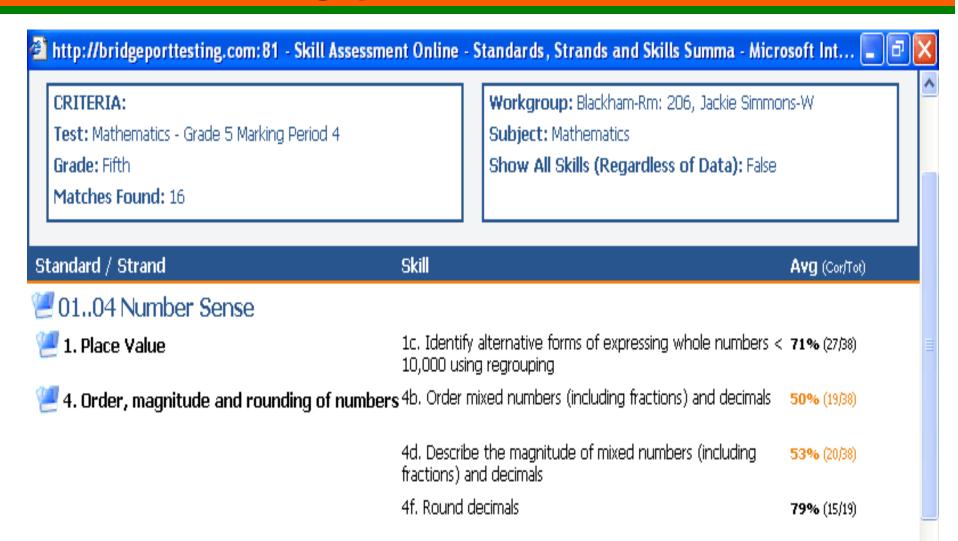














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System Supports

- Executive administrators, district content/building administrators and coaches
- Center for Performance Assessment
- Cooperative Extension Services
- Data walls throughout each school and district office



Culture

- Paradigm shift from testing students to assessing learning and using data to inform instruction
- More productive and efficient use of time for instruction based on individual needs
- Real-time data supports decisions at all levels from the district to the student
- More focused parent-teacher conferences based on performance data
- Students are more focused on learning and involved in setting their goals based on information from posted data walls throughout the school



Culture

- Provides accountability for learning.
- Schools with the greatest improvement in student achievement consistently use common assessments.
- Many students are over tested, but they are under assessed.
- The use of a common assessment for each major discipline allows teachers to have daily discretion and independence while preserving a school-wide commitment to equity and consistency of expectations.
- Supports united and focused planning at the district, school and classroom levels.
- Shapes professional development sessions and instructional delivery.



Training

- Web-based training resources and online tutorials
- Web-based resources for instruction
 - Pacing guides
 - Connecticut Mastery Test handbooks
 - Looking at Student Data (LASD) protocols
- Looking at Student Work sessions combined with LASD protocols
- Use of formative assessments in decision-making



Next Steps

- Expand quarterly testing to grades 4 & 8
- Begin benchmark testing in Science
- Develop online writing assessments with feedback



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Handouts

- Brochures
- Samples

