**DeSSA ELA/Literacy & Mathematics**

**Embedded Instructional Assessments**
- Aligned with state adopted [Math standards; ELA Standards](#)
- **Formative** – actionable feedback during instruction
- Embedded Instructional assessments

**Interim**
- Evaluation of student learning at the end of an instructional unit and aligned to content standards.
- **Actionable feedback during the school year.**

**Formative**
- **Assist with monitoring student learning during a unit of instruction**
- **Provide ongoing feedback** for instructors to recognize student areas of strengths and difficulty (Centralized Reporting System - CRS)
- Generally low stakes, measuring students for progress toward a goal not completion or final success of that goal.
- **Educator Created classroom tools and resources** (Tools for Teachers and Videos (Tools for Teachers Overview and Laurel Video))

**End of Unit Assessments**
- Identifies student strengths and areas for improvement at the end of a period of instruction.
- **Each assessment covers specific content** (Interim lists and blueprints)
- Assessments results available in Centralized reporting System on DeSSA Portal.
- Multiple administrations possible and flexible
- Same type of items and formats as the summative
- **Connections Playlists** linked to Interims performance that educators can use to support Students’ needs.

**Summative**
- Evaluation of student learning of content standards (grades 3-8)
- **Assessment of Learning**
- **Computer Adaptive**

**Year-End Summative**
- Measures students’ ability to use ELA and mathematics skills and knowledge to ask, explain, justify, reason, and solve problems and communicate their reasoning and evidence effectively.
- Achievement Level Descriptors ([ELA & Math](#))
- **Blueprints**
- **Practice and training tests** allow students to see how the test works, what is expected of students and what kinds of questions are included on them.
- **Score Reports** tells if students have mastered major domains specified in State Standards.

*Interactive BAS Models* are available on DDOE website

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