



Influences on Assessment in Nebraska

STATE BOARD: AQUESTT TENETS



Assessment
The State Board believes the results of multiple assessment sources (national, state, and classroom-based) should be used to measure student achievement of college and career ready standards, and be used as an integral part of the instructional process.

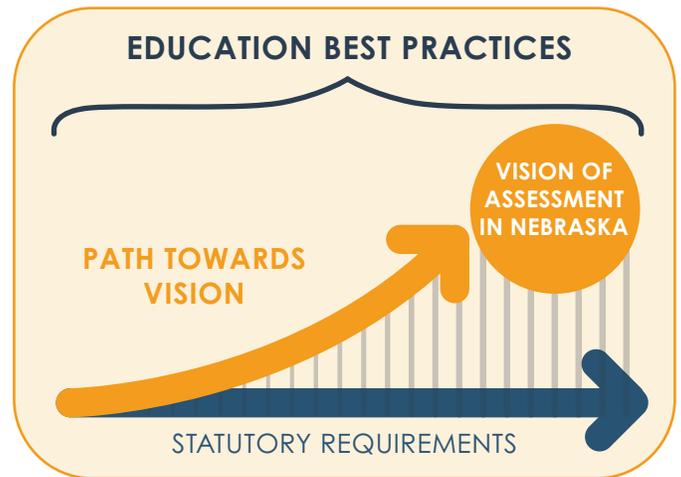
Areas of Focus

- Individualized/Adaptive Assessments
- Classroom Based Assessments
- State Assessments
- National/International Assessments

NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

Quality Education Accountability Act (State Statute 79-757 – 79-762)

- o Statewide system for the assessment of student learning for the purposes of
 - determining how well public schools are performing in terms of achievement of students related to state academic standards
 - reporting the performance of public schools based on the results of state assessment and national assessment
 - providing information for the public and policymakers on the performance of public schools
 - providing for comparison among Nebraska public schools to public schools elsewhere
- o Statewide system for the assessment of student learning in
 - reading and math: grades 3-8 and one in high school
 - science: one grade in elementary, one in middle school and one in high school
 - and writing-samples in each of three grades
- o Teachers and administrators to assist in the development of the tests
- o National assessment instrument for the purpose of state comparison
- o Establishment of a Governor's Technical Advisory Committee



U.S. CONGRESS & USDE

Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA)





Vision of Assessment in Nebraska



"While annual accountability standardized testing has raised awareness of some of the problems schools face, it has done little to help us solve those problems. In that sense, it has let us down as a **school improvement** strategy."

– Richard Stiggins, *Revolutionize Assessment: Empower Students, Inspire Learning*



Key Opportunities to Realize the Vision

- Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) Flexibility waiver
- Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) Reauthorization
- Investment in College and Career Assessments
- Next-Generation Accountability (AQUESTT)