Assessment Continuum

Traditional Tests

Descriptions--

CCSS
Assessments
(SBAC &
PARCC)

Common Performance Tasks (Ohio, New York) C-PAS
College
Ready
Assessments

Student-Designed Projects (Envision, NY Performance Standards Consortium, Singapore, IB)

Narrow Assessment

Standardized, multiple-choice tests of routine skills Tests with m-c and openended items + short (1-2 day) performance tasks of some applied skills Standardized performance tasks (1-2 weeks) that include structured inquiry and demand more integrated skills, including collaboration

Assessments of Deeper Learning

Performance tasks that require students to formulate and carry out their own inquiries, & analyze & present findings, and (sometimes) revise in response to feedback

Longer, deeper investigations, (2-3 months) & exhibitions, including graduation portfolios, requiring students to initiate, design, conduct, analyze, revise, and present their work in multiple modalities