

Top Ten Questions to Ask about Student Assessment Data



1. **What type of data is this?**
 - a. Proficiency?
 - b. Growth?
 - c. Snapshot?
 - d. Historical?
2. **What does the data tell us?**
 - a. Strengths/celebrations? and/or Weaknesses/concerns?
 - b. Trends or Patterns?
3. **What does the data not tell us?**
(What is the rest of the story?)
4. **How do we compare to similar districts and the state?**
5. **What are successful programs doing?**
6. **What ways can we collaborate with others?**
7. **What resources are available that we can allocate?**
8. **How is the information being shared with the community?**
9. **What in our strategic plan and goals applies to the data?**
10. **How do we advocate for our district's needs?**