

Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators (FAME) Research and Development Activities

The FAME Research and Development Team (FAME R&D) carries out three types of work in support of the FAME program.

Research Studies

The FAME R&D Team is currently conducting several research studies. These include:

- Developing criteria to identify teachers who are effective users of the formative assessment process (“hot-spot” classrooms);
- Developing criteria to identify schools and/or districts who effectively promote and support educator use of the formative assessment process (“hot-spot” schools and districts);
- Continuing to examine the ways in which new and returning FAME Learning Teams study and learn to use formative assessment practices; and
- Surveying and interviewing FAME Coaches regarding the ways in which long-term FAME teams have been able to work on the use of the formative assessment process for three or more years.

Resource Development

The FAME R&D Team creates new resources for use by FAME Coaches and Learning Team members. Current work includes:

- Developing a going-deeper guide on student peer and self-assessment;
- Developing a going-deeper guide on providing descriptive feedback;
- Developing guides for the use of formative assessment in content areas, to demonstrate how disciplinary knowledge and formative assessment practice build on and support one another;
- Summarizing the optimal conditions for effective learning about formative assessment practices at the district, school, and classroom levels; and
- Developing new case studies on effective formative assessment learning by various types of FAME teams.

Professional Learning

The FAME R&D team creates professional learning resources and strategies for use in the FAME program to enhance its efforts. This year the team is:

- Developing procedures for interested educators to visit and observe the use of the formative assessment process in “hot-spot” classrooms, schools, and districts; and
- Creating an advanced formative assessment learning program for long-term FAME teams.

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