Definition Formative Assessment: is a range of formal and informal **assessment** procedures conducted by teachers during the learning process in order to modify teaching and learning activities to improve student attainment.

Summative Assessment: The goal of **summative assessment** is to evaluate student learning at the end of an instructional unit by comparing it against some standard or benchmark.**Summative assessments** are often high stakes, which means that they have a high point value. Examples of **summative assessments** include: a midterm exam. a final project.

Why should we be assessing in the art classroom?

Validity: Validity in our programs.. validity from an admin perspective.. validity from a student perspective

Giving our programs and jobs validity while also making our students work valid

Case in point my student who had moved schools and was happy to be back with me as an art teacher.. a “not so good” student/ artist .. said to me one day when walking home.. “I am so glad to have you for an art teacher again.. You actually grade our work and tell us what we did and didn’t do” I was stunned by this remark.. I know that I have had many conversation with my kids but this one was one of my favorites.

“Well-crafted formative assessment mirrors authentic artistic processes of reflecting, critiquing and revising creative work, supporting learning while providing both students and teachers with a means to evaluate progress. By using these strategies as part of their creative process, students are thinking and working like artists. Teachers and facilitators noted that the inclusion of formative assessment in the classroom increased their students' roles in their own learning and lead to increased student involvement and achievement.” *Arts achieve*

What should we be assessing in the art classroom? The skills we are teaching along with our standards

Different ways that we can show growth through assessment in the art room.. pre and post assessments.. pre and post drawings.. think portraits.. think blind contour. etc