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## ALIGN ASSESSMENTS

**GOAL:** Student assessments are aligned with learning objectives and responsive to student needs.

### Aligned Assessment

Teaching Artists align assessment by:

- Using backwards design to map processes against desired products
- Establishing assessment criteria, performance indicators, and performance assessments that tie specifically to rubrics with clear descriptions of student achievement levels

### Responsive Assessment

At the same time, it is important for Teaching Artists to remain flexible and adapt assessments to students' needs by:

- Selecting an assessment methodology that is relevant to student needs, interests, and background
- Including criteria and norm referenced indicators
- Designing assessments that account for variable degrees of learning across a student population
- Ensuring the language surrounding the assessment is easy for students to connect with and understand

