

Which do you do most of the time?

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Assessment

The process of understanding student thinking.

Evaluation

The process of assigning a value metric to student work.

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Noticing and Wondering: A powerful tool for assessment

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"The starting point is the mathematics and thinking the student brings to the lesson, not the deficit of mathematics they do not bring. A standard defines a finish line, not the path. The path begins with the

et. al., 2011

What are teachers doing?

- Selecting tasks that have an intended purpose
- Anticipating what students might do
- Providing ample time for students to work independently or in pairs/groups
- Listening / observing to what students do
- Asking students prompting questions

What are students doing?

- Working independently or in pairs/groups solving problems
- Talking to others about their thinking
- Testing /manipulating ideas
- Representing their thinking

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The questions we ask matter!

Funneling & Focusing

- **Funneling:** When teacher asks a series of questions that *guide the students to a procedure or to a desired end.*
- **Focusing:** A focusing-interaction patterns requires the teacher to *listen to students' responses* and *guide them based on what the students are thinking* rather than how the teacher would solve the problem.

Herbel-Eisenmann, B. A. & Breyfogle, M. L. (2005).

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5 Practices for Orchestrating Productive Mathematics Discussions

1. **Anticipating** - Do the problem yourself
2. **Monitoring** - Listen, observe, identify key strategies
3. **Selecting** - Purposefully select those that will advance mathematical ideas
4. **Sequencing** - How will the learning from the first solution help us better understand the next solution?
5. **Connecting** - Compare and contrast samples of students' work - what are the mathematical relationships?

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