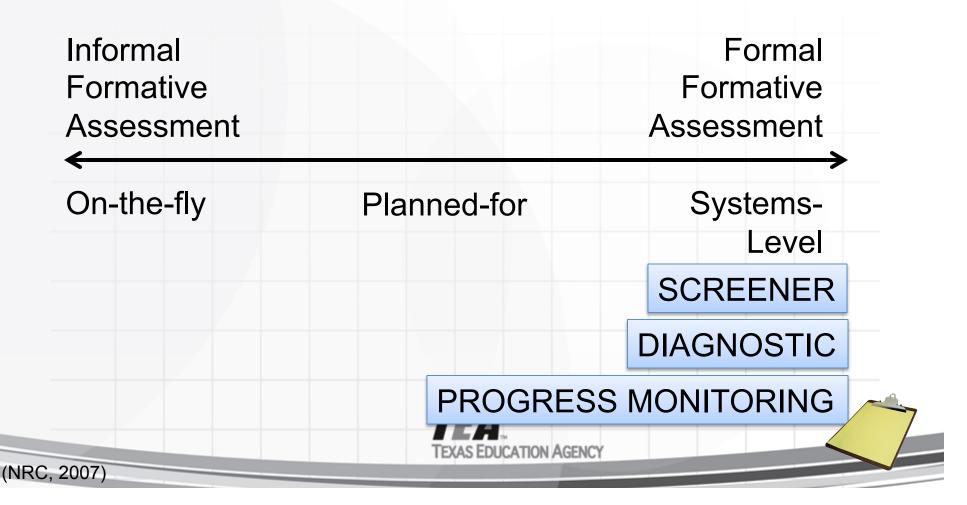
What is Formative Assessment?

Process to
continuously gather
evidence and feedback
about student learning
(Heritage, 2007)

Method to improve teacher and student learning (Shavelson & Stanford Education Assessment Laboratory, 2003) Tool to help teachers plan, support, and assess the quality of students' experiences (NRC, 2007)



Formative Assessment



Systems-Level Formative Assessment

- screener Are students on target?
 - Identify students' "starting places"
- DIAGNOSTIC What are students' skill deficits?
 - Understand students' preconceptions
- PROGRESS MONITORING Are students progressing?
 - Monitor progress toward meeting the objectives



