

MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-090

TO: School District Superintendents
School Principals
Curriculum Coordinators
Assessment Directors
Principals

FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: July 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Assessment Literacy Professional Development

ASSESSMENT LITERACY CANVAS COURSES

Through a partnership with the National Center for the Improvement of Education Assessment (NCIEA), the Wyoming Department of Education created assessment literacy modules that are accessible to all Wyoming educators at no cost. The modules will help increase educators' and leaders' capacities to create a well-balanced district assessment system. The goals of the assessment literacy modules are to challenge and revise misconceptions of assessment, enhance knowledge about assessment, and to provide opportunities to practice appropriate and accurate assessment uses.

There are two assessment literacy courses available through the [Canvas Learning Management System](#) (LMS). One course views assessment literacy through the lens of district and school leaders and the other course is through the lens of a classroom teacher. The courses are broken into modules that can easily be incorporated into collaborative team meetings or completed individually. Users can download, revise, and use module materials (videos, slides, scripts, handouts, resources) outside of the Canvas LMS as long as attribution is given. If a course is completed in Canvas, users have the option to earn continuing education credit.

View the [Assessment Literacy for Leaders](#) and [Assessment Literacy for Teachers](#) introductory videos for more information about the modules, including intended use. An [Assessment Literacy Leader Guide](#) and [Teacher Guide](#) are also available to enhance understanding of assessment literacy.

To enroll in either of the free assessment literacy courses, users must have a WyEdPro account (including a WISER ID and a signed Accepted User Policy). These [detailed instructions](#) will guide users through the Canvas course enrollment process.

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