



# How Assessment Data Drives Instruction And School Wide Decisions



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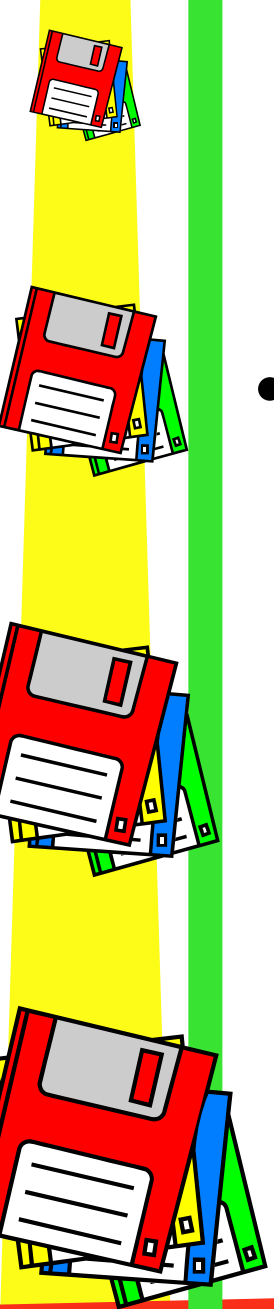
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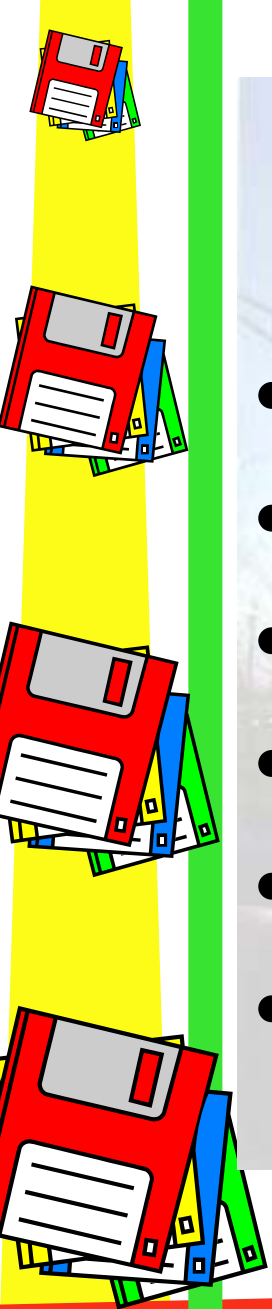
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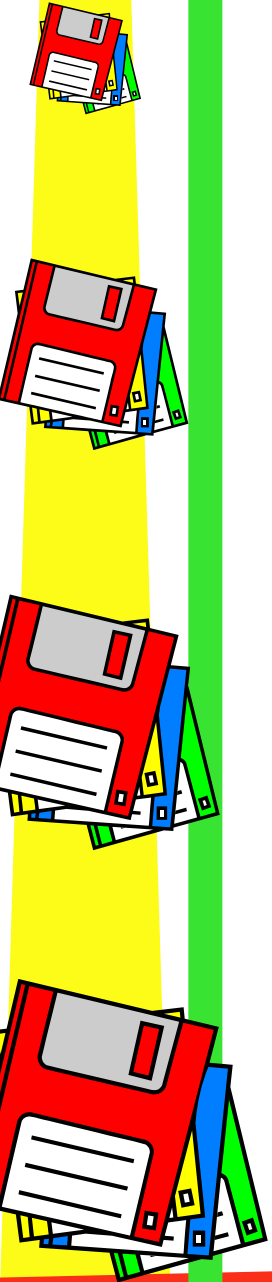
# Sandoval School

- **Located in Chicago, IL**
- **4 track year round school**
- **Enrollment 1300**
- **K-8**
- **97 % Hispanic**
- **548 students enrolled in bilingual program**



# Why Assess?

- School, District, and State mandated
- Provide teachers with information to drive instruction
- Provide information to group students to differentiate instruction
- Parents and students know progress
- Help to plan for future teacher in-services
- Strengths and weaknesses in curriculum





**STEP**

# Assessments

**LEARNING  
FIRST**

- School Wide
- Given 4 times a year
- Produced by Kinney and Associates

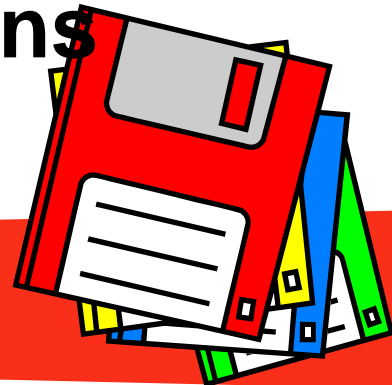
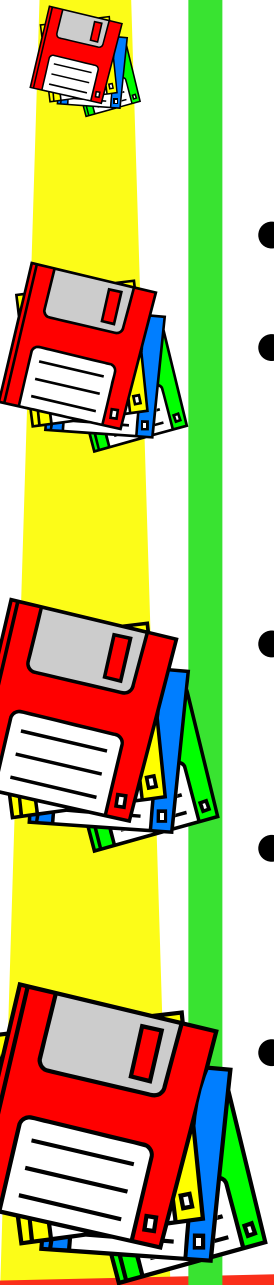
- Reading/ Math
- Low stakes
- Prepares for ISAT
- Aligned to state standards

- District Wide
  - Given Quarterly
  - Produced by Houghton Mifflin
  - Extended response
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# STEP

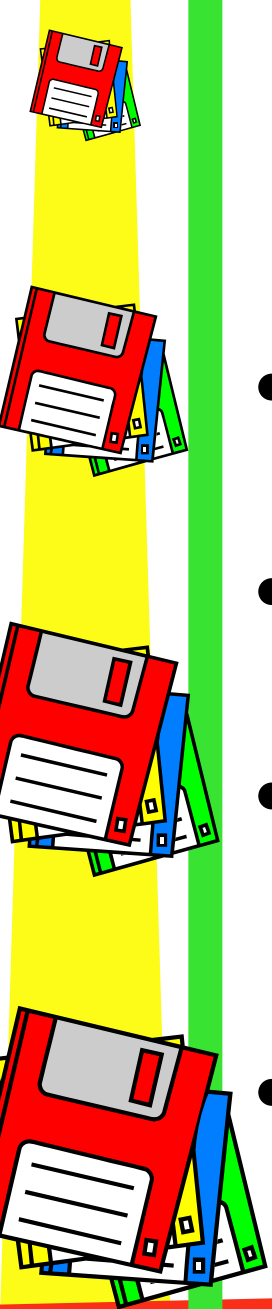
Standards Based Testing & Evaluation Program

- **Helps to drive instruction**
- **Provides a teacher with information on whether a student does not meet, meets, or exceeds a state standard**
- **Results provided to teachers within a week**
- **Links to supplemental lessons on [SkillsTutor](#)<sup>®</sup>**
- **Allows teachers to plan lessons according to students needs**



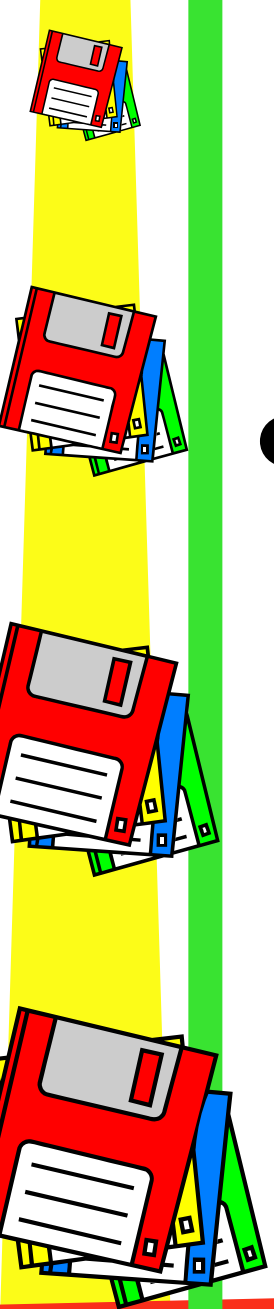
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- Provides information for differentiated instruction groupings
- Helps administration decide on future professional development
- Provides information for deciding which students attend intersession tutoring
- Provides practice to students for high stakes test



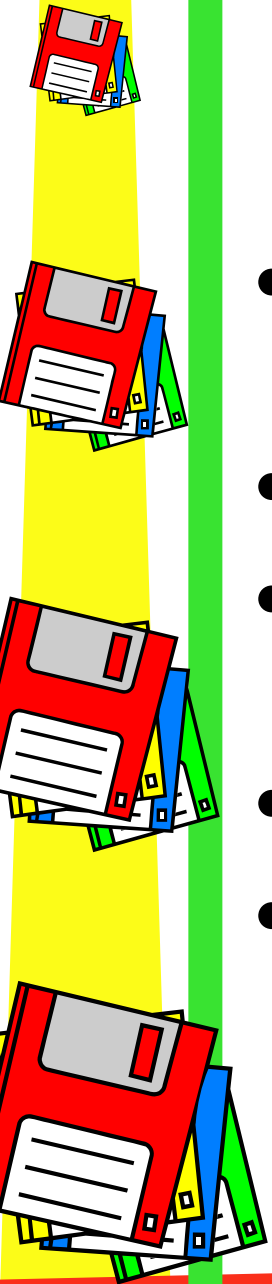
# How the Data Works

- Sample Step Reports



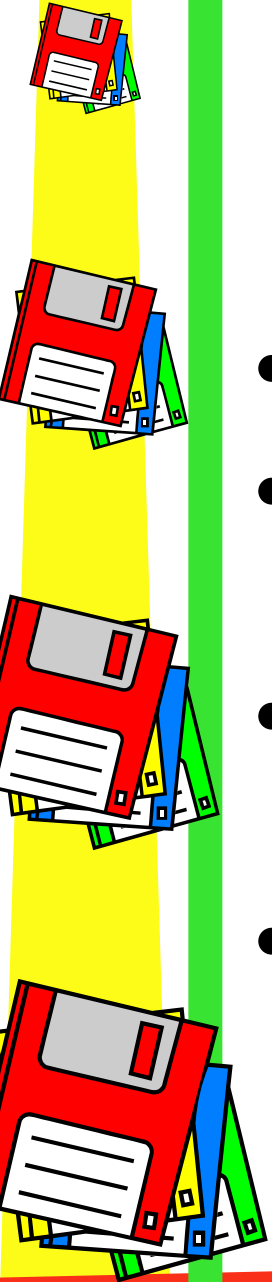
# Learning First

- **Low stakes test that tests reading, math and extended response**
- **Administered to grades 3-8**
- **Given three times a year (fall, winter, spring)**
- **District mandated**
- **Reading and math results given to teachers in about 6 weeks; extended response is scored by teacher**



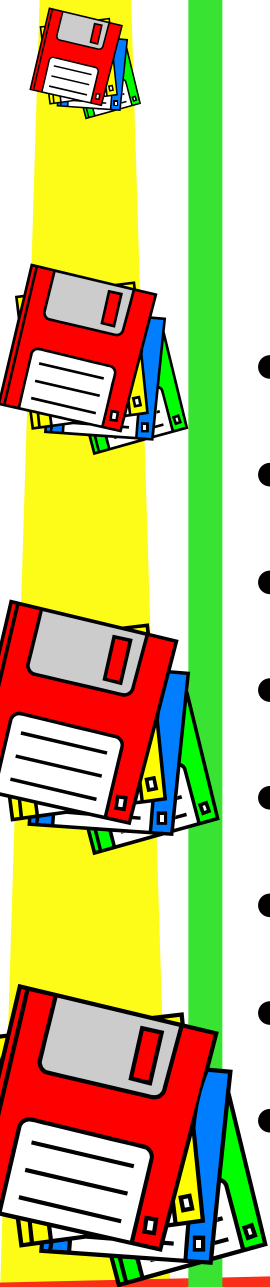
# Learning First cont'd

- **Helps to drive instruction**
- **Allows teachers to plan lessons according to students needs**
- **Provides information for differentiated instruction groupings**
- **Provides practice to prepare students for high stakes test**



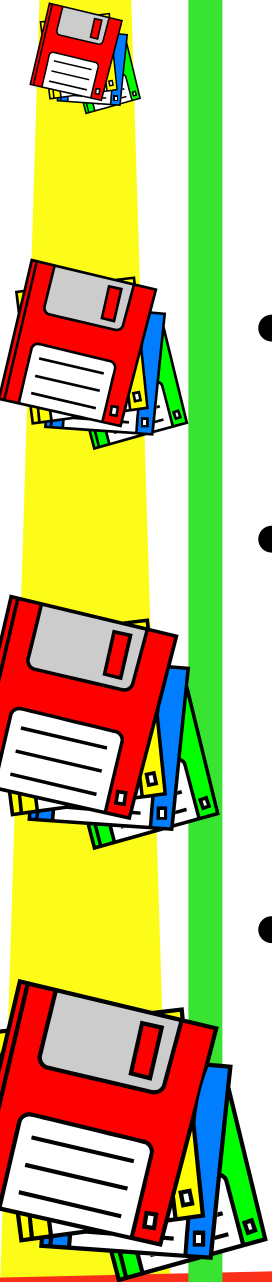
# ISAT

- **Illinois Standards Achievement Test**
- High stakes test
- Tests reading, math, science and writing
- Given yearly in the spring grades 3-8
- Required by the state
- Part of CPS promotion criteria grades 3, 6, 8
- Results are received the following fall
- AYP is based on these results



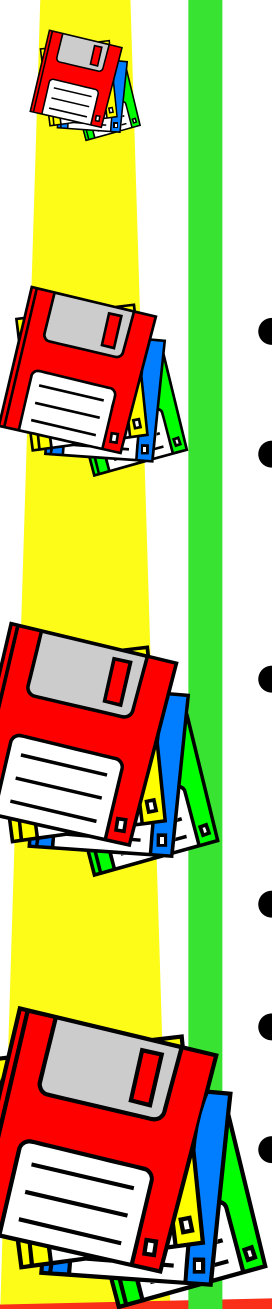
# School Wide Decisions

- Professional Development
  - Differentiated Instruction
- Instructional Decision making
  - Lesson plans based on assessments instead of following the textbook
  - Learning Centers Curriculum
- Intersession Tutoring
  - instruction in math and reading targeting weaknesses



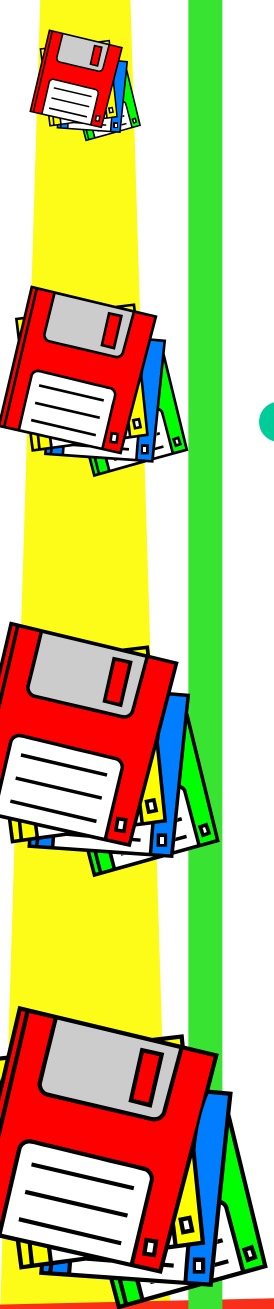
# Wrap Up

- Test scores have increased
- Students receive more individualized instruction
- Teachers are more aware of specific students' needs
- More grade level collaboration
- Professional Development on-going
- Parents more informed



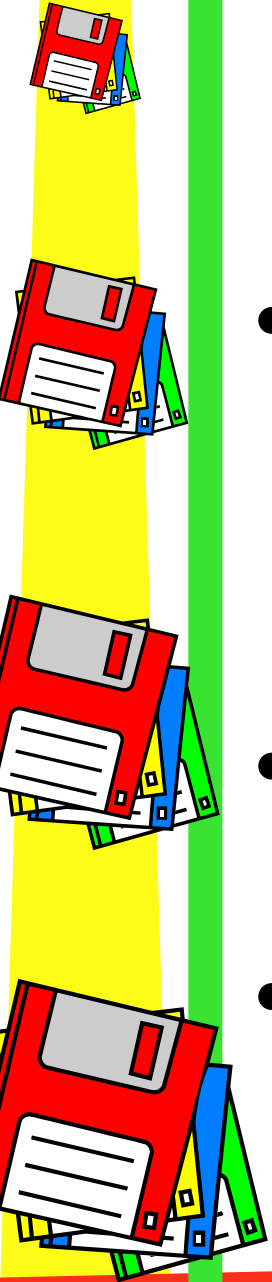
# Want to learn more about Sandoval

- Attend Session Tomorrow  
on Making Block  
Scheduling Beneficial in a  
Four Track School



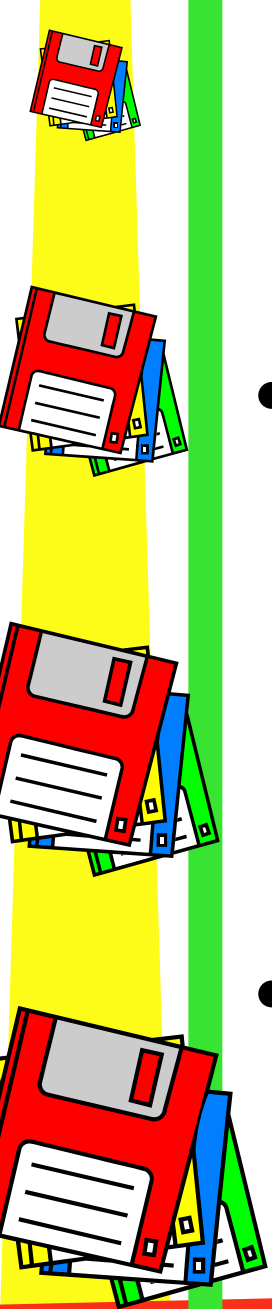
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# Resources

- **STEP**
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    - Oak Brook, Illinois 60523
    - Telephone: 800-718-9654
    - E-mail: [csambo@kinneyandassociates.com](mailto:csambo@kinneyandassociates.com)
- **SkillsTutor**
  - <http://www.skillstutor.com>



# Resources

- Chicago Public Schools
  - <http://www.cps.k12.il.us>
  - Learning First
    - <http://research.cps.k12.il.us/resweb/SiteServlet?page=learnfirst>
- Illinois State Board of Education
  - <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/isat.htm>

