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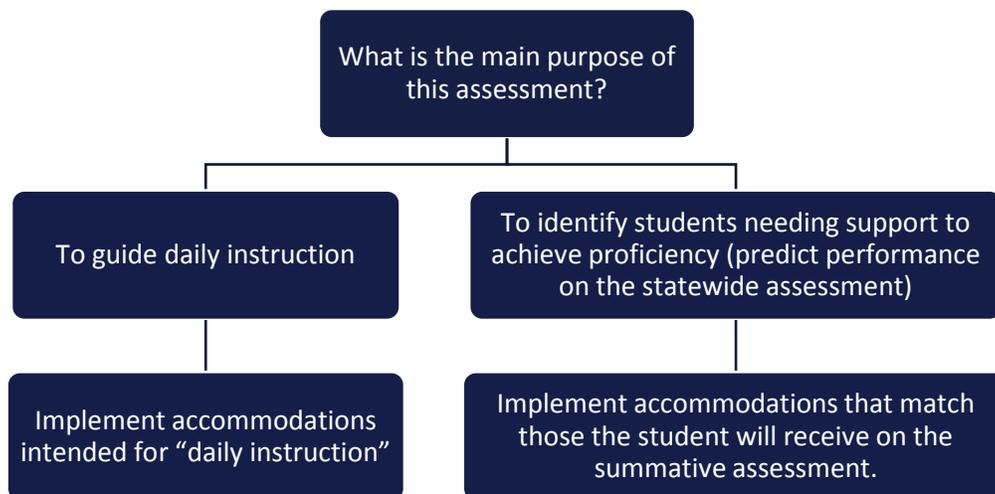
Considerations for Implementation of Accommodations to Interim/Formative Assessments

Indiana offers funding to schools for implementation of formative/interim resources annually as allowed through the legislative budget. Indiana allows local flexibility related to implementation of these products including but not limited to: frequency of the assessments, implementation of defined benchmark assessments, and accommodations or features available within the tool.

The Indiana Individualized Education Plan (IIEP) recently underwent updates to further define accommodations used for instruction and those implemented for statewide assessments. Schools should apply a systematic approach to the implementation of student accommodations to different assessments within their assessment system. While it is important to have coherence and stability with accommodations, schools should consider an assessment's purpose with relation to provided student accommodations.

In other words, if the intent is to inform instructional next steps, one might consider availability of features and accommodations to scaffold mastery of the content. Conversely, if the intent is to inform mastery in relationship to the summative measure, features and accommodations may mirror the summative assessment platform for potential comparisons in relationship to proficiency. **In order for results to be meaningful, schools should think about the purposes/uses of assessment data when considering how to apply accommodations.**

The following decision tree may be considered to assist schools with applying accommodations to formative/interim assessments. For our purposes, an accommodation is defined as an alteration of standardized testing materials or procedures that allows students to participate in an assessment in a way that measures abilities while still assessing the intended construct.



Visit [this link](#) for information about specific accommodations provided by approved formative/interim assessment vendors.

Visit [this link](#) for information about specific accommodations provided on Indiana state assessments.