The Navvy Assessment System: Monitor Specific Learning in Real Time

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Key Issue Trying to Solve

**Key issue**: Help students and teachers be successful

**Navvy goal**: Support student learning by developing an assessment *for* learning that has 2 key requirements:

- Be near instruction
- Have validity and reliability evidence

Classroom systems are typically near instruction, but they are not designed to have validity and reliability evidence to support the claims that are instructionally useful in a formative assessment process (e.g., this student needs support on this skill, concept, or standard).

Navvy is designed to be near instruction and have validity and reliability evidence.
Theory of Action

• Personalized learning is a powerful tool
• Assessment drives personalized learning
  • Key features needed for assessments:
    • Specific
    • Timely
    • Reliable
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Assessment *for* learning:

Navvy is a *classroom-embedded* system used on-demand throughout the year to support a formative assessment process: monitor real-time standard-by-standard, on-going learning to inform instructional support for improving learning

- Designed to do so in a valid and reliable way so the actions we take are helpful for student learning

Districts use Navvy as their common district assessment system
Why Navvy?

Where we are at the onset of the school year:
- We have standards.
- We have goals for students to learn what the standards require.

Where we are after we start the journey:
- We need to know whether or not the student has learned each standard.
  - We created Navvy to fulfill this need

- Our goal: To inform teaching and guide learning by accurately identifying what learning has taken place and what learning needs more support in order to take place
Teacher Example Dashboard

- Progress monitor learning standard-by-standard in real-time with validity evidence
- Specific (granular), timely (up to date, real-time), reliable (diagnostic measurement)

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- Sort columns to identify needs for personalized instruction and meaningful groups for differentiated instruction

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- Specific action support by Navvy result:
  - Provide personalized or small-group instruction for students on standards where they are not yet reached competency
Type of Feedback Aligned with Type of Psychometric Model Aligned with Theory of Action

- Standards-level feedback
  - Standards-level psychometrics are needed to give standards-level feedback
    - Primary Result: Competency Diagnosis
      - Competency or non-competency of the standard

- Actionable Feedback
  - The action: Focus learning supports on standards for which students need support
  - Create student groupings for personalized instruction based on competency diagnoses
Communicating Standards-level Feedback

- Navvy results get communicated to different users of the system:
  - Students
  - Teachers
  - School administrators
  - District administrators
  - Regional/state administrators

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Student Dashboard

- Students collect micro-certs for learning standards
- Our goal is to help students have a healthy learning/growth mindset by improving:
  - Goal-setting and goal-reaching
  - Ownership and agency of learning
  - Motivation for learning
Student Learning Map

- Track competencies of standards
  - Within grade
  - Across grades

- Unfinished learning (sometimes called “gaps” in learning) is being monitored in real time as part of everyday assessment practice using Navvy
  - We have disruptions to learning (sometimes called “learning loss”) pinpointed, as part of regular assessment practice with Navvy
Which 3 standards in 4th grade math are most challenging for our students to learn?

- What instructional supports or PL can we provide for teachers on those standards?
- Which schools/teachers are performing well on these standards? Can they provide PL for other teachers?
Doubling as an Accountability System
Navvy Consortium Members

• Committed to assessing competencies at the standards level and focusing local accountability on gaining competencies of the standards
  • Syncs with competency-based education or learning model
  • Flexibility allows personalized learning and pacing

• Aim for state accountability to be aligned with this model: aggregate, or summarize, standards-level competencies to create accountability metrics without additional testing
Meeting IADA Requirements

Expected requirements are comprised of nine elements:

1. meeting or exceeding all the requirements of section 1111(b)(2)(B)
   Navvy provides “timely information about student attainment of [State academic] standards” (clause ii) and “individual diagnostic reports” (clause x) that are “valid and reliable, consistent with relevant, nationally recognized professional and technical testing standards” (clause iii) in order to “understand and address the specific academic needs of students” (clause x)
2. aligning with the depth and breadth of the challenging State academic standards
3. identifying proficiency on state standards
4. providing valid, reliable, and comparable annual proficiency determinations
5. providing for the participation of all students
6. measuring participation rates
7. generating an annual summative determination of achievement
8. providing timely, disaggregated results for stakeholders
9. providing an unbiased, rational, and consistent determination of progress toward the State’s long-term goals for academic achievement
Creating Annual Summative Determinations

• Navvy standards-level competency results will form the basis for categorizing students into Achievement Levels
  • In Georgia, there are currently 4 levels: Beginning Learner, Developing Learning, Proficient Learner, and Distinguished Learner
• Ways to describe Navvy results for accountability purposes
  • Multivariate competency profile
    • Which patterns of competency correspond to each achievement level?
  • Aggregate numerical result
    • Learning what proportion of the standards corresponds to each achievement level?
Key Issues Trying to Solve

Assessment for learning *and* accountability purposes:

Keys to serving both needs
- Put learning first
- Provide multiple opportunities to show what competencies you have gained
- Report current learning status at the time accountability data is required
  - This does not mark the end of the learning process
  - On-going learning supported by formative assessment may continue after this period, but for reporting purposes there is a time to take a snapshot of where we are
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Framing in terms of Aims

• Aims:
  • Assessment useful for informing teaching and learning
    • Specific (granular)
    • Timely
    • Reliable
  • Measurement improvement for accountability
    • Better representation of standards
    • Clear identification of what students understand, know, and can do
    • Remove unwanted factors associated with cumulative final exams, such as test anxiety
    • Encourage desired factors associated with healthy learning mindsets, such as goal setting, ownership of learning, and motivation for learning
  • Create opportunities for greater future flexibility
    • Competency-based progression through learning vs grade level progression
Framing in terms of Intended Uses

• Intended Uses

  • Assessment useful for informing teaching and learning
    • Identify standard by standard learning

  • Assessment useful for accountability
    • Summarize and describe standard by standard learning