Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment: Process and Progress

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Session Outline

- Quick background about DLM
- 1. Learning Maps vs. similar tools (e.g., Learning Progressions)
- 2. Learning Map Development
- 3. Validating the Map feedback from expert teachers





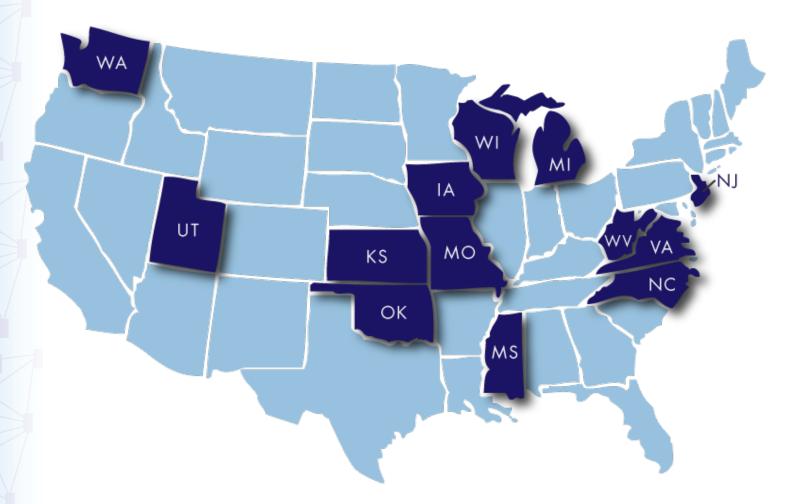
Assessment Consortia

General Assessment	Alt. Assessment	EL Assessment
SMARTER Balance	DLM	ASSETS
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State Partners







Key features of the DLM

- Learning maps
- Dynamic assessment
- Instructionally relevant item types
- Instructionally embedded assessments
- Technology platform





The DLM Alternate Assessment System*

English Language Arts and Mathematics, Grades 3–8 and High School

BEGINNING OF YEAR END OF YEAR



DIGITAL LIBRARY of learning maps; professional development resources; guidelines for IEP development and student selection for the alternate assessment; instructionally relevant tasks with guidelines for use materials, accommodations, and scaffolding; automated scoring (for most) and diagnostic feedback; and online reporting system.



EMBEDDED TASKS ASSESSMENTS

A series of more than 100 items/tasks per year embedded within instruction, each with various forms and scaffolds to allow for customization to student needs. Each task typically requires one to five minutes for completion.



Two options for summative assessment**



Instructionally embedded tasks used with all DLM students. States may choose to use aggregate data for summative purposes (state decision).*



Summative assessment for accountability for those states that choose not to use the embedded tasks for accountability.



- * Alternate assessment systems are those developed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities and are based on alternate achievement standards.
- ** Research will be conducted to review the technical feasibility of using data from the tasks for summative accountability purposes.



DLM Timeline

Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment System Timeline







Learning Maps vs. Progressions





What are Learning Maps?

Network of connected learning targets (nodes)

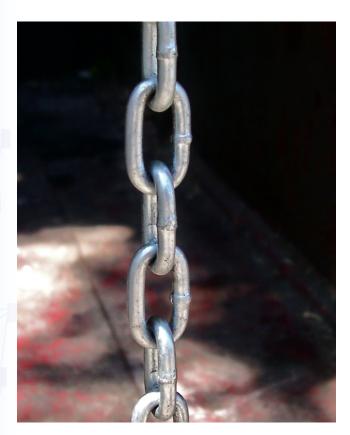
Maps students'
"knowledge
terrain"







Maps allow for the integration of multiple skills...









Maps are the Cornerstone







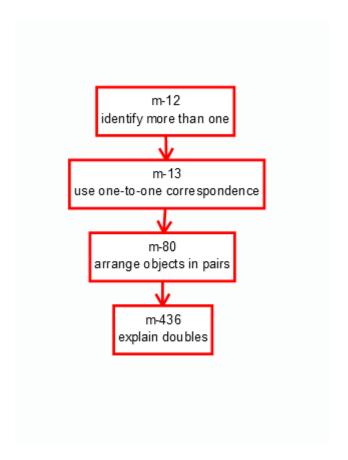
Unveiling of the Learning Map

 http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/ video/learningmapunveiling.html





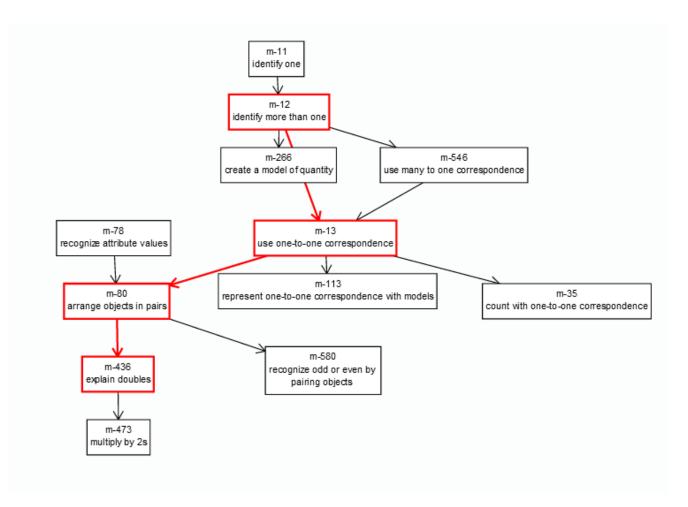
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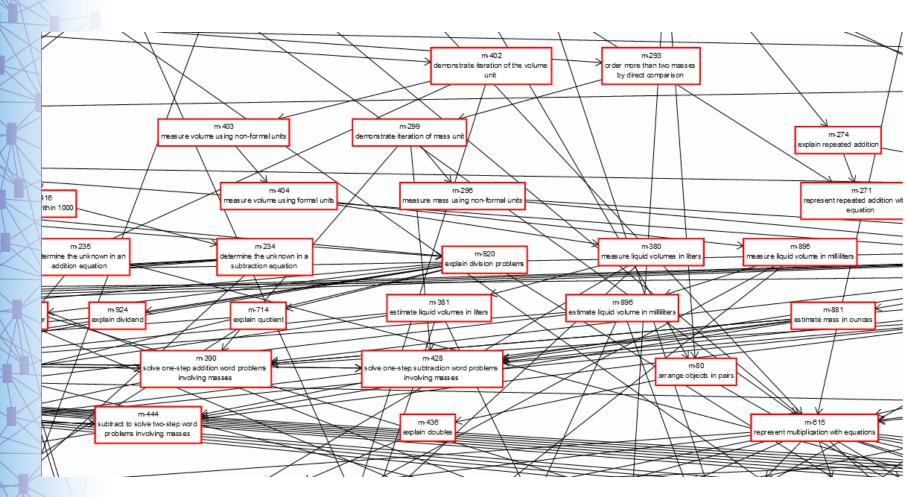
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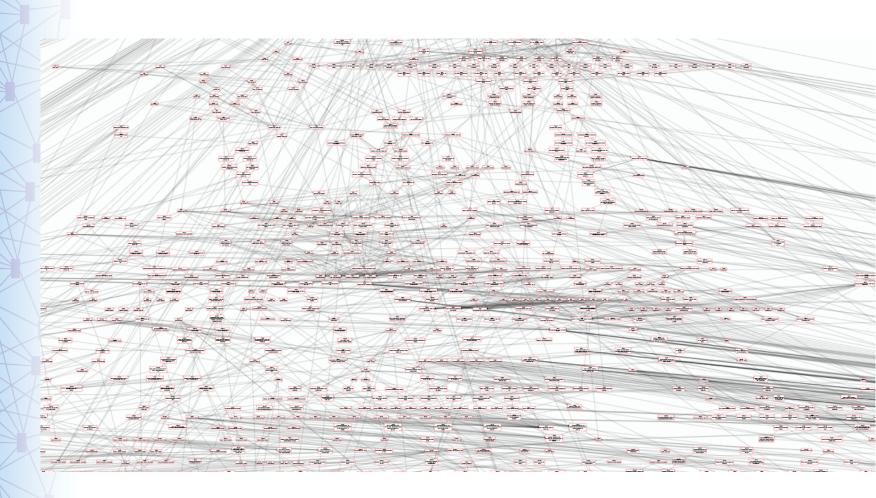
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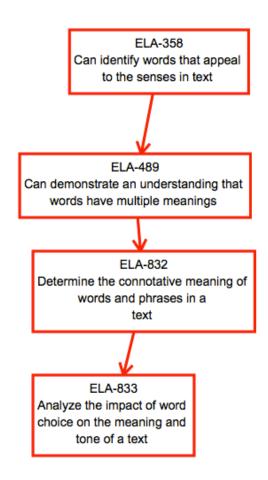
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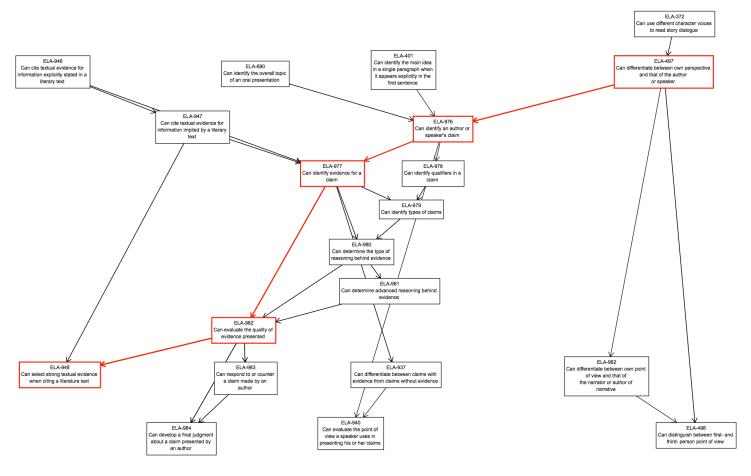
Learning Progression - ELA







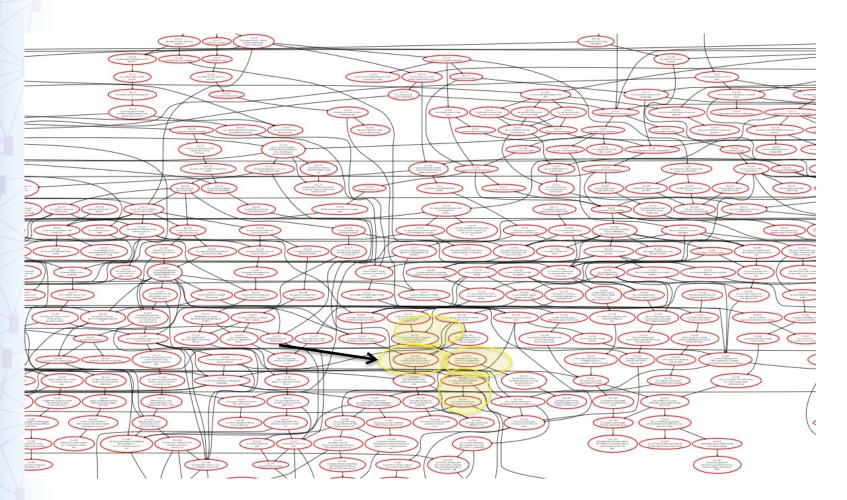
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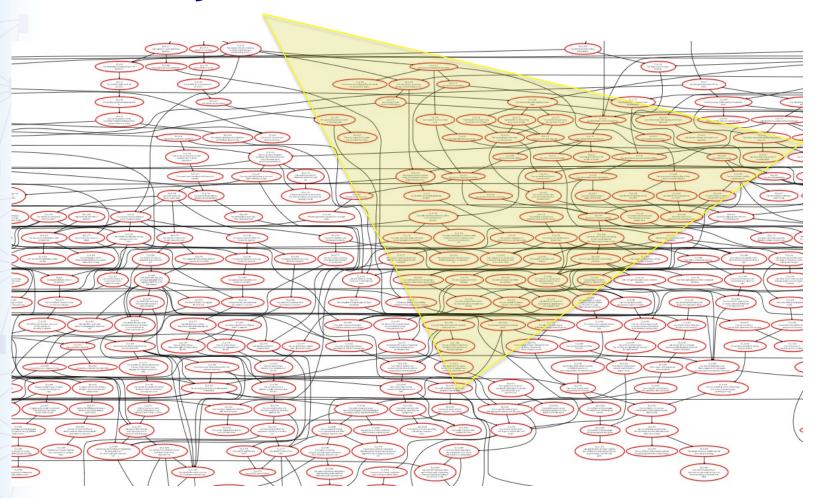
Map Drives the Assessment







Bayes-net Inference







Developing the Learning Map





Multi-disciplinary Team Completes the Following:

- 1. Review of Literature
- Node Development and Placement
- 3. Connection Placement







1. Review of Literature

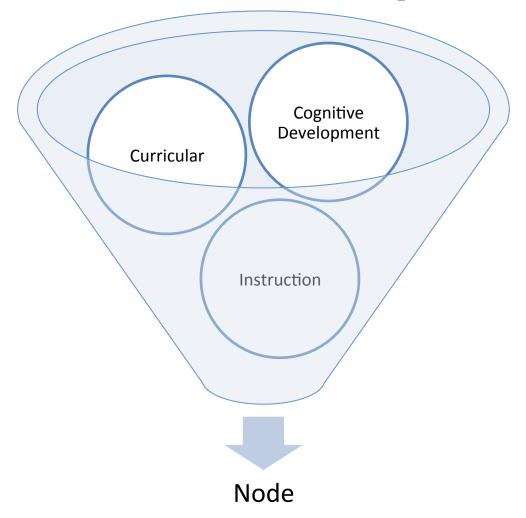
✓ Identify seminal literature

✓ Synthesize literature with expert knowledge





2. Node Development





(Learning Target)



Node Development

Can recognize abstract symbols

Cognitive Development

Curriculum (specific content)

Instruction (method of instruction)





3. Connection Placement

Connection = predicted relationship between skills

- ✓ Single direction
- ✓ Multiple connections
- ✓ Represents integrated approach to skill development





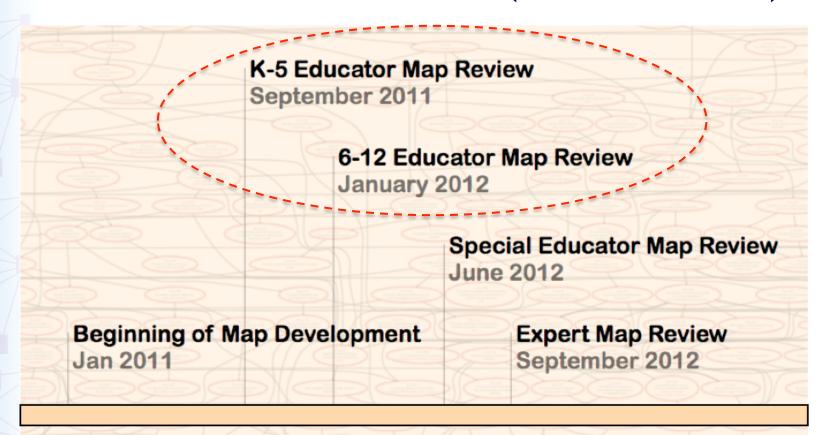


Validating the Map - Teacher Reviews





Content Reviews (K-12 ELA)



Map Development





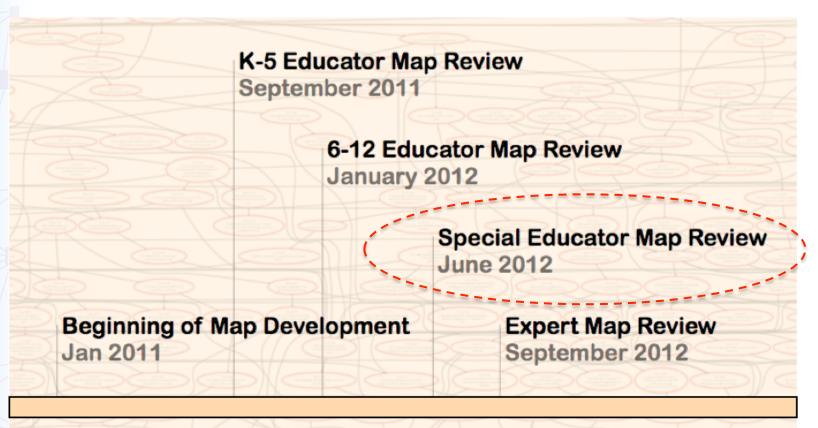
K-12 Review







Special Educator Review

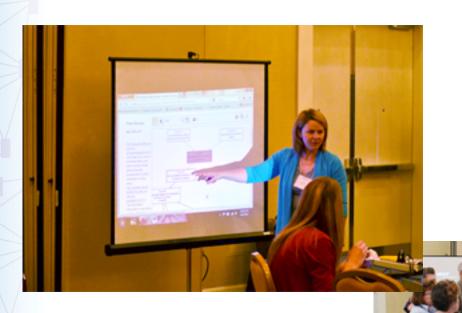


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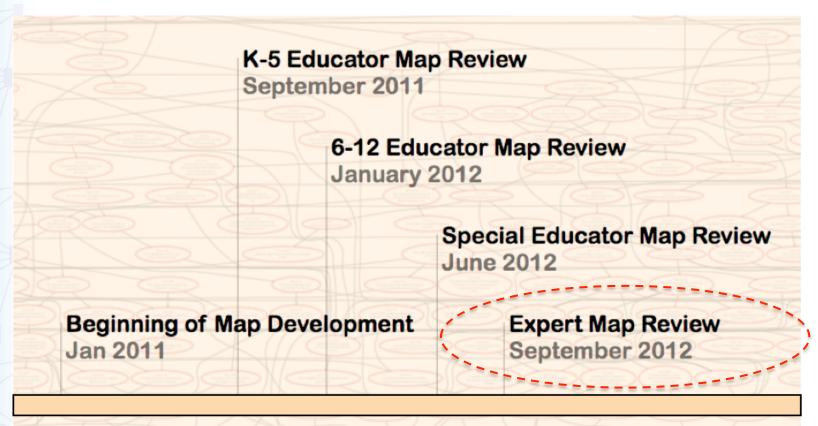
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Expert Review



Map Development





Validating the Map: an Educator's Perspective





Reviewer Experience











The Project as a Whole



Authentic.

Not looking for predetermined answers.

Genuine.

"Tell us when you see something..."

Thorough.

Reviews, cross checks, multiple perspectives.





Experience as a Practitioner

Connections.

Working with other states

Vertical perspective.

Seeing content develop K-12

Support.

Seeing content details to help my students







The Map

Amazing.

So many nodes and so many paths

Informative.

I know what to do to help students

Challenging.

I must work diligently to see the map for my students.

What do my students need so they can progress?

Where are they now?

Where are they going?







Questions?

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