

## **Amarillo College Principles of Assessment**

1. In alignment with the mission of Amarillo College, the intent of assessment is to improve the processes that help our learners identify and achieve their educational goals.
2. Outcomes assessment is data-driven and focuses on achieving continuous improvement in educational and administrative programs and educational support services rather than identifying these programs' successes or failures.
3. Outcomes assessment of student learning, educational support, and administrative support will be a collaborative process involving faculty, staff and students.
4. Outcomes assessment results will not be used for evaluation of faculty or staff. Assessment results will be used to illuminate areas of opportunities for improvement and serve as a celebration of teaching and student learning. The demonstration of self-reflective assessment of our educational support services and academic programs ultimately leads to institution success.
5. Whenever possible, the methodologies for assessing outcomes will be inconspicuous to students or others who are being assessed.
6. Whenever possible, submissions used for assessment will come from existing assignments instead of ones specially created for outcomes assessment. We will honor and assess the work we already do.
7. The assessment process itself will be evaluated by the Assessment Committee to ensure our continued alignment with AC's Strategic Plan and in our own efforts for continuous improvement.

8. Amarillo College's Strategic Plan includes evaluating student success by establishing and assessing an institutional outcomes assessment program. The President's Cabinet supports these outcomes assessment efforts.