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2. Examine current grading practices and how they relate to student learning.
3. Connect formative assessment practices with grading practices that accurately reflect student achievement.

- Understand what research reveals about feedback, assessment, and grading.
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