

Standardized Tests

- ***Norm Referenced***

Norm referenced tests are designed to measure how a student's performance compares with that of other students. Perhaps the best example of a norm reference test is the S.A.T.

Norm referenced tests are not used to determine whether students have learned the material they have been taught.

- ***Criterion Referenced***

Criterion referenced tests are designed to measure how thoroughly a student has learned a particular body of knowledge without regard to how well other students have learned it.

The NECAPs are an example of a criterion referenced test. A driver's license test would also be an example of a criterion referenced test.