

Comprehensive Needs Assessment – Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Vertical teams have participated in activities to ensure college readiness standards and the recently adopted TEKS are imbedded in the scope and sequences. At the conclusion of each content area study, the vertical teams have modified scope and sequence/curriculum documents to meet the demands of the rigorous, college readiness student expectations.

Student performance (see CNA for Student Achievement) indicates an aligned curriculum. The instructional process is enhanced by the utilization of the latest technology approved and available to our district (i.e.; interactive board projection systems, document cameras, laptops, e-readers, and tablets), as well as, instructional resources available via the district website. Assessment data provides individual student data which is used in determining appropriate interventions (i.e., ELA/Math Lab, Literacy/Math Teacher, Credit Retrieval, Dyslexia Teacher, Content Mastery, Aledo ISD Summer School, Bridge Class, and tutorials).

The Parent Portal will continue to be utilized. This on-line program provides an avenue for consistent communication between teachers, parents and students in the areas of academic achievement and attendance.

The district employs an instructional math specialist for the implementation of the TEKS to ensure Math is horizontally and vertically aligned.

All campus administrators have received formal training in conducting walkthroughs to evaluate instructional practices and student engagement. Feedback is provided to grade levels and departments for program evaluation.

Staff development is based on district and campus needs. Below is a partial listing of staff development during the 2014-2015 school year.

- SMARTBoard Training
- Aledo Writing Process
- Creative Ways to Foster Creativity
- Gifted and Talented Institute (Nature & Needs, Identification & Evaluation, Social & Emotional, Instructional Strategies, Differentiation)
- Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI)
- AEF Grant Training Writing
- All state assessments
- Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Thinking Maps
- Think Through Math and iStation
- Google Drive 101
- STEMScopes Training
- Get to Know Google Chrome
- Waterford Early Literacy Training
- Counselor Training/ Program Development
- Assessment Training, Diagnosticians
- Get to know Twitter
- BYOD That Works
- If You Give a Kid an iPad
- CTE Training
- Librarians as Instructional Leaders
- Aledo Summer Academy

Strengths:

- Vertical team meetings to review and develop scope and sequence/curriculum documents to meet student instructional needs
- Varied instructional programs to meet the individual needs of our diverse learners
- Programmatic evaluation of curriculum including feedback to teachers and campuses to establish new goals based on this data
- Instructional Technology Specialist interacting with teachers on home campuses
- Required professional development for new employees
- Expanded our number of Career Technology Education course offerings to support new graduation requirements (i.e.; Robotics, Engineering, Principles of Architecture, Welding)
- Summer School for Original Credit offered

Needs:

- Update interactive technology resources in the classroom
- Continue opportunities for staff development to meet the needs of all students
- Assess the process of vertical and horizontal curriculum for curriculum alignment and implementation of college readiness standards between campuses
- Annual review of STAAR data for direction in editing and revising of our Scope and Sequence
- Continuous revision and review of Scope and Sequence (Year at a Glance)
- Continue to add instructional specialists in the core areas (Language Arts, Science and Social Studies)
- Continue to broaden our training for teachers to support ESL students in the classroom