

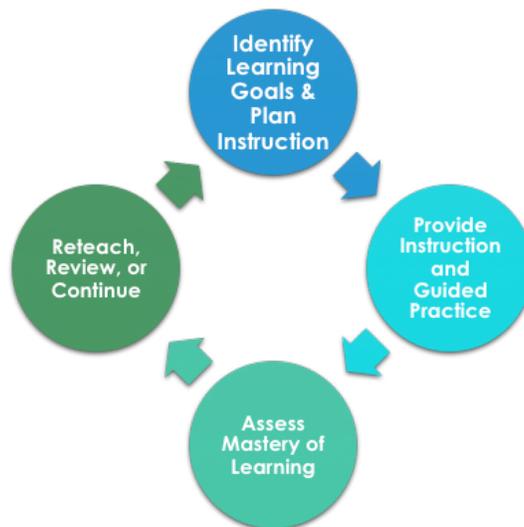


In alignment with the new 2016-2021 *Achieve Today. Excel Tomorrow.* strategic plan, the Arlington ISD will launch an updated curriculum assessment program for the 2016-2017 school year. The AISD believes that through effective teaching every student can succeed, and this revised curriculum assessment program will measure and help ensure students' academic progress toward their individual goals.

The AISD received input from many stakeholder groups in preparing the updated district assessment program, including campus faculty and staff, principals, members of the curriculum and instruction department, senior staff, and the District-Level Instructional Decision-Making Committee. Input was also sought from a new Campus Assessment Calendar Committee that included a cross-section of teachers, administrators, deans, counselors, testing facilitators and instructional coaches.

The purpose for the revised assessment program is to ensure that all students have access to a guaranteed and viable curriculum in the AISD. Our purposes for assessing students are:

- To empower students to set and monitor their own educational needs and goals
- To support ongoing student growth and improvement
- To identify and communicate student progress to parents and the community
- To inform the teaching and learning process so teachers know what students already know and what academic areas to still develop



Every year the district will evaluate the curriculum assessment program and make necessary adjustments to maximize student learning. Considerations may include a review of the number of assessments administered, an adjustment to the time students spend taking assessments and the use of randomized sampling for selected assessments to allow for curricular adjustments.

Through these changes, students will have maximized instructional time and will have an opportunity to goal set and take ownership of their learning. Teachers have resources for rigorous instruction and critical information that will help them customize learning for students.