

Alberta Assessment Consortium
Executive Director's APPROVED Annual Work Plan
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

The work plan for 2009 – 2010 is based on the five key purposes of the Alberta Assessment Consortium.

Purpose #1

Develop a broad range of assessment materials that are directly tied to the Alberta curriculum, based on grade level standards, and that will enhance student learning.

- develop new assessment materials in accordance with subject areas outlined in the provincial curriculum implementation schedule
 - performance assessment tasks and rubrics
 - exemplars of assessment for learning
 - unit plans that model backward design planning
- develop strategies to increase the use of performance assessment tasks and the collection of exemplars
- continue to redesign existing performance assessment tasks to include assessment for learning processes

Purpose #2

Provide support for leadership development in classroom assessment.

- develop a webinar series for administrators on the topic of instructional leadership in classroom assessment
- focus Assessment Specialist Seminars on developing teacher leadership assessment capacity
- explore new directions/design of the Assessment Specialist Initiative

Purpose #3

Support teachers and leaders by providing opportunities for quality professional development.

- repackage existing AAC workshop materials into smaller units, suitable for PLC and staff meeting contexts (PD Tips)
- develop introductory web based PD modules to serve as resource materials for those who are new to assessment principles and practices
- provide PD modules to support the two new AAC resources, *Building Better Rubrics* and *Conversations about Assessment: A Parent's Guide*
- publish new AAC resource to replace the out-of-print publication, *How to Develop and Use Performance Assessments in the Classroom*
- expand the breadth of fall conference 2010 to include advanced sessions focused specifically on leadership in assessment

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Purpose #4

Facilitate networking and sharing knowledge, skills and expertise.

- involve Field Services Facilitators in making purposeful connections among jurisdictions working on similar assessment related initiatives
- explore Web 2.0 strategies and other technologies for networking and sharing assessment knowledge, skills and expertise
- maintain links with leading assessment authorities
- provide ongoing communication with jurisdiction representatives and education partners about the work of AAC

Purpose #5

Establish liaisons with other agencies.

- participate in ongoing collaborative projects with the education partners, specifically the Alberta Distributed Learning Project and PD Matters
- increase awareness of AAC, its products and services at the Ministry level
- invite ARPDC and ATA specialist councils to participate in the development and/or field testing of AAC performance assessment tasks
- collaborate with ARPDC, ATA, AHSC and CASS on projects of mutual interest
- continue to be involved with assessment cohort work, as invited, with post-secondary faculties