

Alberta Assessment Consortium
Executive Director's APPROVED Annual Work Plan
July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

The Alberta Assessment Consortium (AAC) is dedicated to enhancing student learning by supporting the development of quality classroom assessment practices. The Executive Director oversees the financial resources and guides the human resources of the organization towards accomplishing the following key actions within each of the four AAC purpose statements. These actions frame the ways in which AAC provides support to member jurisdictions. The work plan for 2011 – 2012 takes into consideration the input received during the spring consultation meetings with AAC Jurisdiction Representatives.

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 performance assessments in K – 9 Mathematics and collect exemplars of student work
- update the existing English Language Arts performance assessments
- develop unit assessment plan models in English Language Arts and Mathematics
- continue to redesign existing performance assessments to include assessment for learning processes
- expand the Scaffolding for Student Success section of the website to support practical application of assessment for learning practices

Purpose #2

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

- continue to develop professional learning modules suitable for PLC and staff meeting contexts
- provide fall and spring regional professional learning opportunities
- sponsor sessions at teachers' conventions
- employ web 2.0 technologies to facilitate communities of practice
- ensure AAC Fall Conference continues to provide high quality professional learning opportunities focused towards enhancing classroom assessment practice
- provide web-based professional learning materials to support teachers in using performance assessments and collecting exemplars of student work
- publish new AAC resource *Creating Credible Criteria* and develop professional learning materials to support its use as a resource for classroom teachers

Purpose #3

Contribute to the building of assessment literacy in Alberta through action research and inquiry initiatives.

- fulfill Alberta Education conditional grant deliverables for 1:1 mobile computing assessment project
- support jurisdiction initiatives within the Collaborative Assessment Partnership
- collaborate with jurisdictions and education partners to
 - support the development of instructional leadership in classroom assessment;
 - explore effective practices related to communicating and reporting student learning; and
 - explore the impact of sound assessment practices on high school course completion

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Purpose #4

Facilitate networking and sharing of knowledge, skills and expertise.

- maintain ongoing communication with jurisdiction representatives to facilitate purposeful connections among jurisdictions working on similar assessment related initiatives and to share updates in regard to the work of AAC
- maintain ongoing communication with education partners to profile AAC resources and services
- collaborate with ATA, AB Ed, ARPDC, AHSC, CASS, and 2Learn on projects of mutual interest
- continue to be involved with post-secondary faculties of education, as invited
- maintain links with leading assessment authorities