



Glossary of Terms

Academic Vocabulary

Words that refer to language in literacy and books, tests and formal writing

Assessment

An informal or formal process of collecting evidence of student progress toward a learning goal or objective, this can be written or oral.

Backward Design

A process for planning that begins with the end in mind and designs lessons toward that end.

Content-Specific Vocabulary

Words associated with an academic discipline such as English, Math, Science or History.

Curriculum

A framework of planned learning based on content and performance standards that the school is responsible for.

Diagnostic Assessment

A brief assessment used to identify or predict students who may be at risk for academic difficulties

Essential Understandings

Knowledge that is central to a discipline and transferrable to new situations.

Formative Assessment

Assessment that measures the mastery of students as they learn about a topic. This type of assessment is used to inform teachers where to direct future lessons.

Guiding Questions

Questions help provide focus and coherence for units of study.

Key Concepts

The crucial information of a topic or subject.

Key Skills

Processes that allow a student to use the crucial information of a topic or subject.

Performance Assessment

It requires students to demonstrate that they have mastered specific skills and competencies by performing or producing something

Readiness Standard

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skill that is essential for success in current grade level or course. It addresses broad and deep ideas that are important for preparedness for the next grade or course.

Remediation

It is the process of correcting a deficiency in order to improve or correct one's skills.

Scaffolding

It is support given by the teacher during the learning process to assist the student in achieving learning goals.

Supporting Standard

These standards may address more narrowly defined ideas and may be emphasized or reinforced in the current grade or course. They may play a role in the next grade or course but not a central role.

Summative Assessment

Assessment that refers to the assessment of the learning and summarizes the development of learners at a particular time.

WHERETO

An acronym for Where is it going?; Hook the students; Explore and equip; Rethink and revise; Exhibit and evaluate; Tailor to student needs, interests, and styles; Organize for maximum engagement and effectiveness.