

Aligning Assessments with State Standards: A Strategic Approach



Objectives

- Introduction to Standards Alignment
- Understanding State Assessment Outcomes
- Benchmark Development Process
- Assessment Blueprint Creation
- Alignment Strategies
- Quality Control Measures
- Implementation Guidelines
- Best Practices
- Action Planning



Understanding the Arizona State Standards Framework

- Structure of AZ Academic Standards
- Grade-level Performance Indicators
- Content Area Specifications
- Depth of Knowledge (DOK) Levels
- Performance Level Descriptors

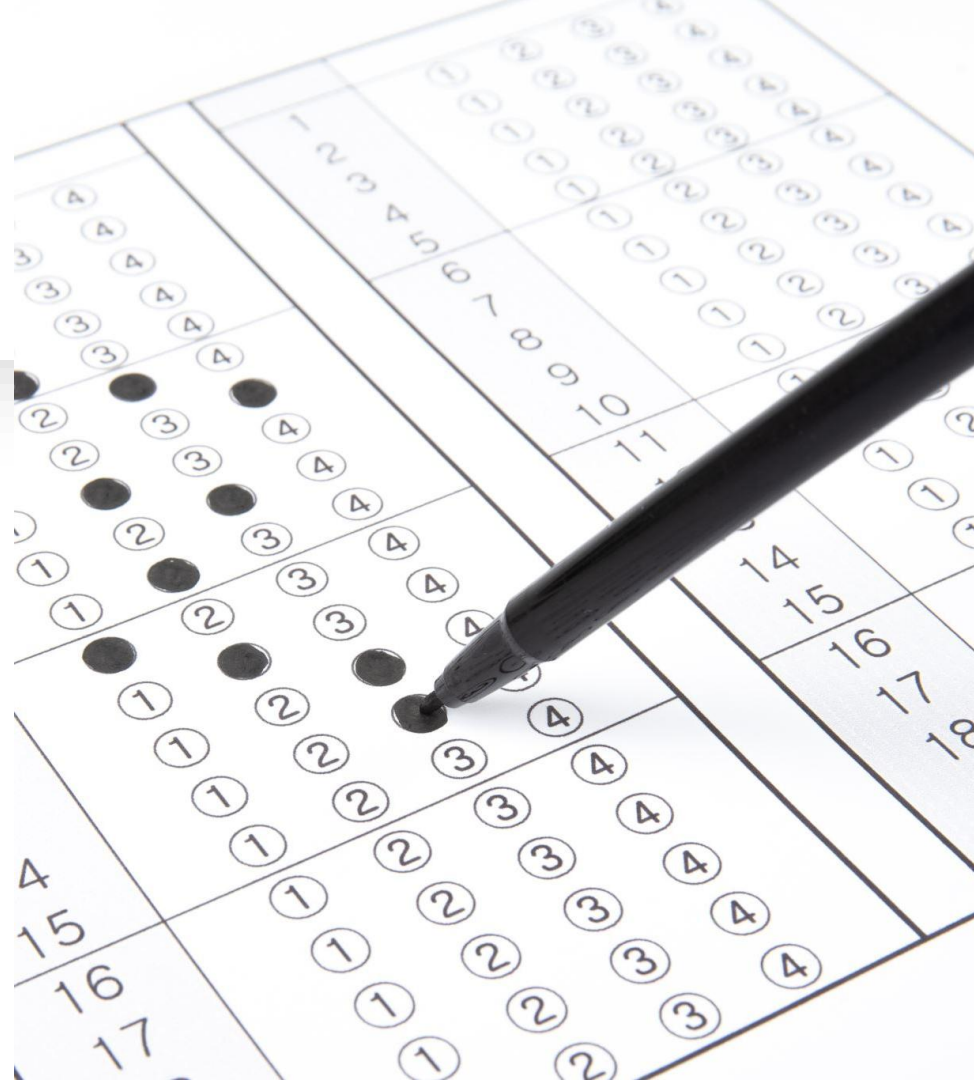
[AZED English Language Arts Standards](#)

[Arizona Mathematics Standards](#)



Assessment Blueprint Components

- Standard Reference Number
- Content Strand
- Number of Items
- Point Values
- DOK Distribution
- Item Type Specifications
- Time Allocations



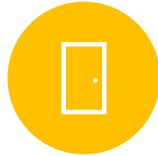
Alignment Process Steps



STANDARDS
ANALYSIS



CONTENT MAPPING



COGNITIVE
COMPLEXITY
MATCHING



ITEM
DEVELOPMENT
GUIDELINES

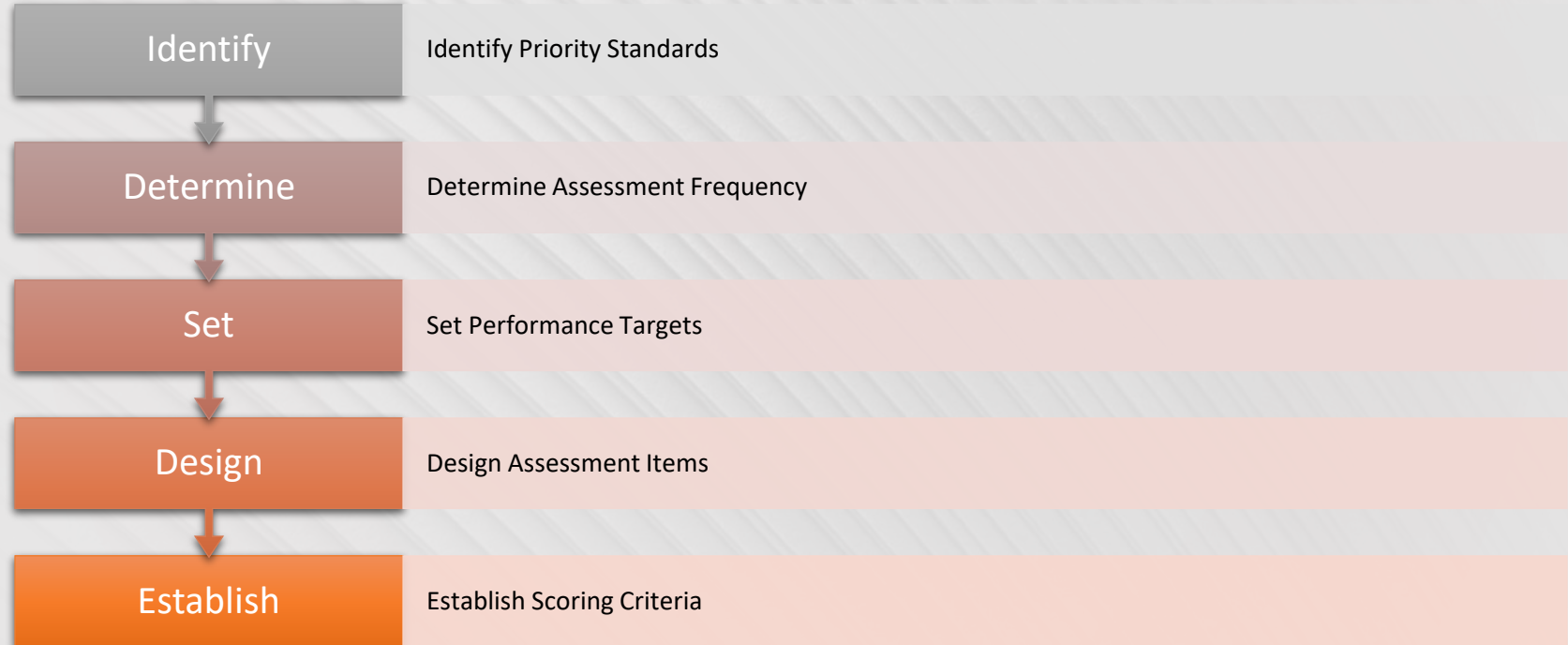


REVIEW AND
VALIDATION



DOCUMENTATION

Creating Aligned Benchmarks





Quality Control Measures

- Peer Review Process
- Content Validation
- Statistical Analysis
- Bias and Sensitivity Review
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Field Testing Procedures

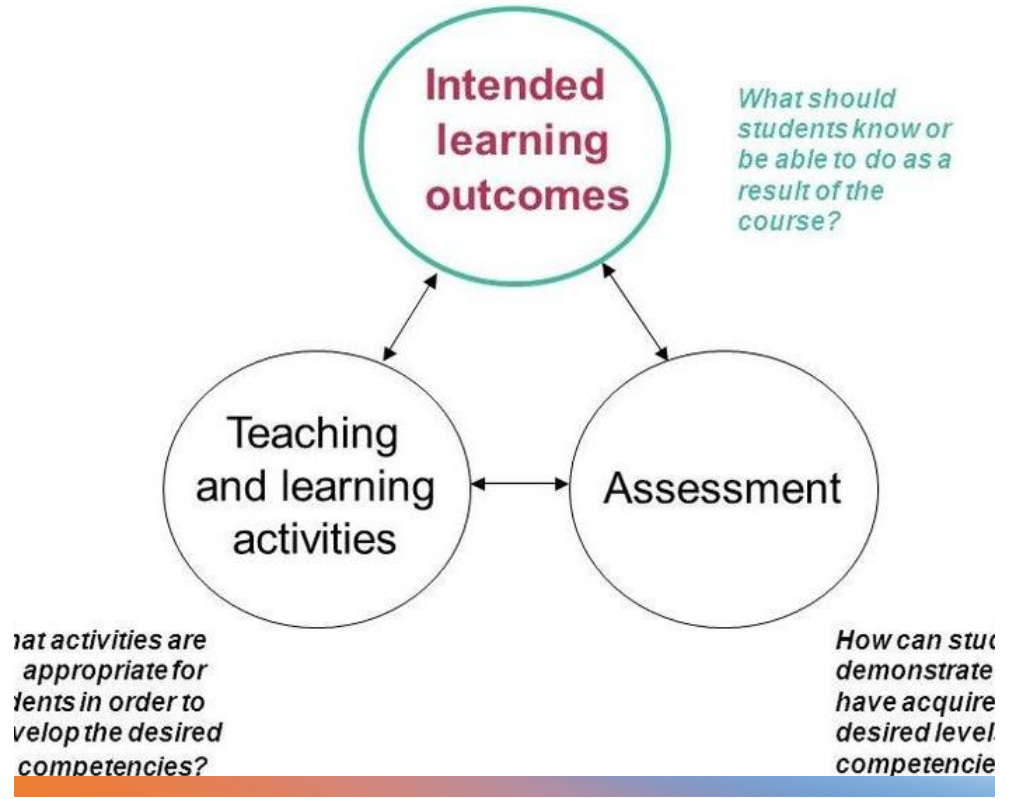
Implementation Strategy

- Professional Development Needs
- Assessment Calendar
- Data Collection Methods
- Reporting Procedures
- Feedback Mechanisms
- Resource Allocation



Action Planning Template

- Current Status Assessment
- Gap Analysis
- Timeline Development
- Resource Identification
- Professional Development Plan
- Monitoring System



Next Steps and Resources

1

Arizona Department
of Education
Resources

2

Assessment Literacy
Training

3

Professional
Learning
Communities

4

Online Tools and
Templates

5

Technical Assistance
Contacts