

Classroom Instructional Material Alignment Tool

Purpose of the Tool: The purpose of this document is to assist teachers in determining alignment of the instructional materials being used in the classroom. Effective instructional materials are learning resources used to help students acquire essential knowledge, skills, and abilities as outlined in the standards. This includes print and non-print materials.

Possible uses:

- Facilitate teacher reflection
- Evidence to demonstrate an alignment of materials on the Nevada Educator Performance Framework
- Professional Learning Communities:
 - Compare results obtained from aligned materials and compare successful practices
 - Discussions around currently used instructional materials and their alignment to Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS)
 - Discussions around the adjustments or supplements required to make currently available materials better aligned to NVACS
- Grade Level Meetings (Teachers bring in a lesson aligned to a standard and discuss which lesson(s) best fits the criteria of the tool)
- Assist with effective lesson planning with aligned material

Classroom Instructional Material Alignment Tools are for school-site use only. They are not a requirement by the Nevada Department of Education. If you have any questions or comments please contact Tracy Gruber at tgruber@doe.nv.gov or at (775) 687 – 9251.