# Want to Be More Flexible? Stop In For An Alignment First

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# What is Alignment

How the elements of a course fit together to ensure objectives, assessments, and content are working in coordination to meet the standards and facilitate student learning.



#### The Benefits of Alignment



Increased efficiency



Improved student outcomes



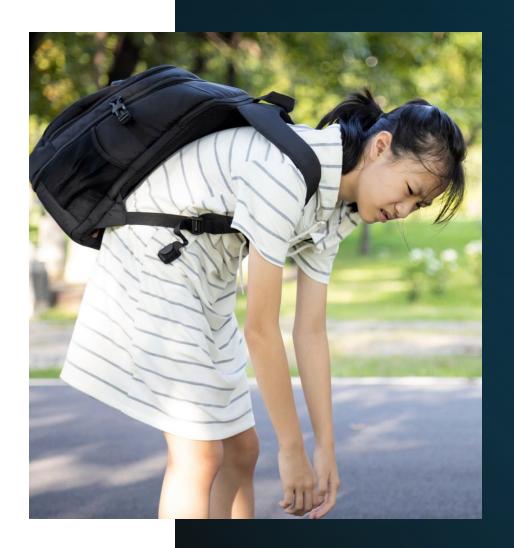
Enhanced personalization



Better data-driven decision-making

### Common Alignment Challenges

- Overwhelming number of standards
- Lack of clarity in learning objectives
- Mismatched assessments
- Limited resources



# Let's Explore Some Examples

- Sample Sociology Scope and Sequence
- Sociology Alignment Chart

### The Alignment Chart Process – The 5 W's



When?



What?



Who?



How?



Where?

#### Let's Practice!

- Step 1: Use the Foods & Nutrition Standard 6.02: Understand the principles of table manners.
- Step 2: Write a learning objective.
- Step 3: Following the learning objective, write an assessment that will measure the mastery of the learning objective.
- Hint: You can use any tool to assist you. (ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Notebook LM, Khanmigo, etc.)

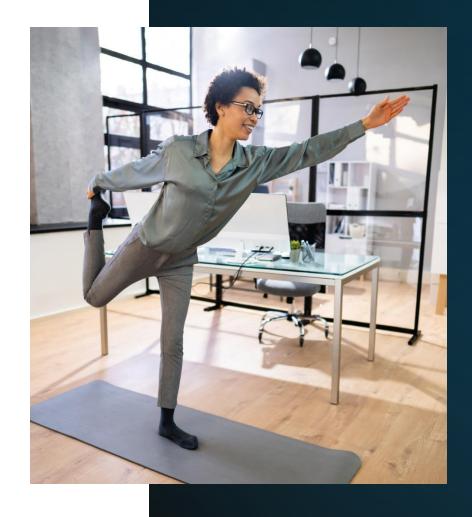
#### Share your alignment example with the group.

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# The Role of Alignment in Personalization

- But how does alignment increase flexibility and help with personalization?
- First: Identify pain point
- Next: Check alignment
- Next: Tailor instruction
- Result: Flexible differentiated assessments that still meet alignment



# Let's Go Back to Our Examples

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# Strategies for Personalizing Content

- Reduce answer choices
- Revise reading level
- Provide guided supports
- Implement choice of activities
- Consolidate assessments
- Create alternate assignments



# Questions and Thank You

Want to discuss more? Reach out to Jennifer Nobles at jennifer.nobles@ncpublicschools.gov





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