



# Links for Academic Learning: Planning An Alignment Study

# [ Issues to Consider in Planning ]

- Guiding Principles: Linn

- Validity
- Fairness
- Credibility
- Utility

- Gong

- Development of content standards
- Purpose of assessment
- Prioritization of content



# Describing the Principles and Characteristics of Your AA-AAS

- What are the policy elements?
- What does the state want to accomplish by conducting the alignment study?
- Who was included in the development of your AA-AAS?
- What are the unique issues of your AA-AAS?

# Specific Questions to Ask Vendor

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- Who will be the reviewers?
- What educational components will be included in the alignment study?
- How will the results be reported?
- What criteria will be used in evaluating the degree of alignment?

# Getting the Most From the Alignment Study

- Involve stakeholders in planning and responding to the alignment study
- Consider the cost-benefit of including instructional alignment in the study
- Use the alignment study results to look at inferences about student learning and potential evidence of validity of AA-AAS outcomes

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