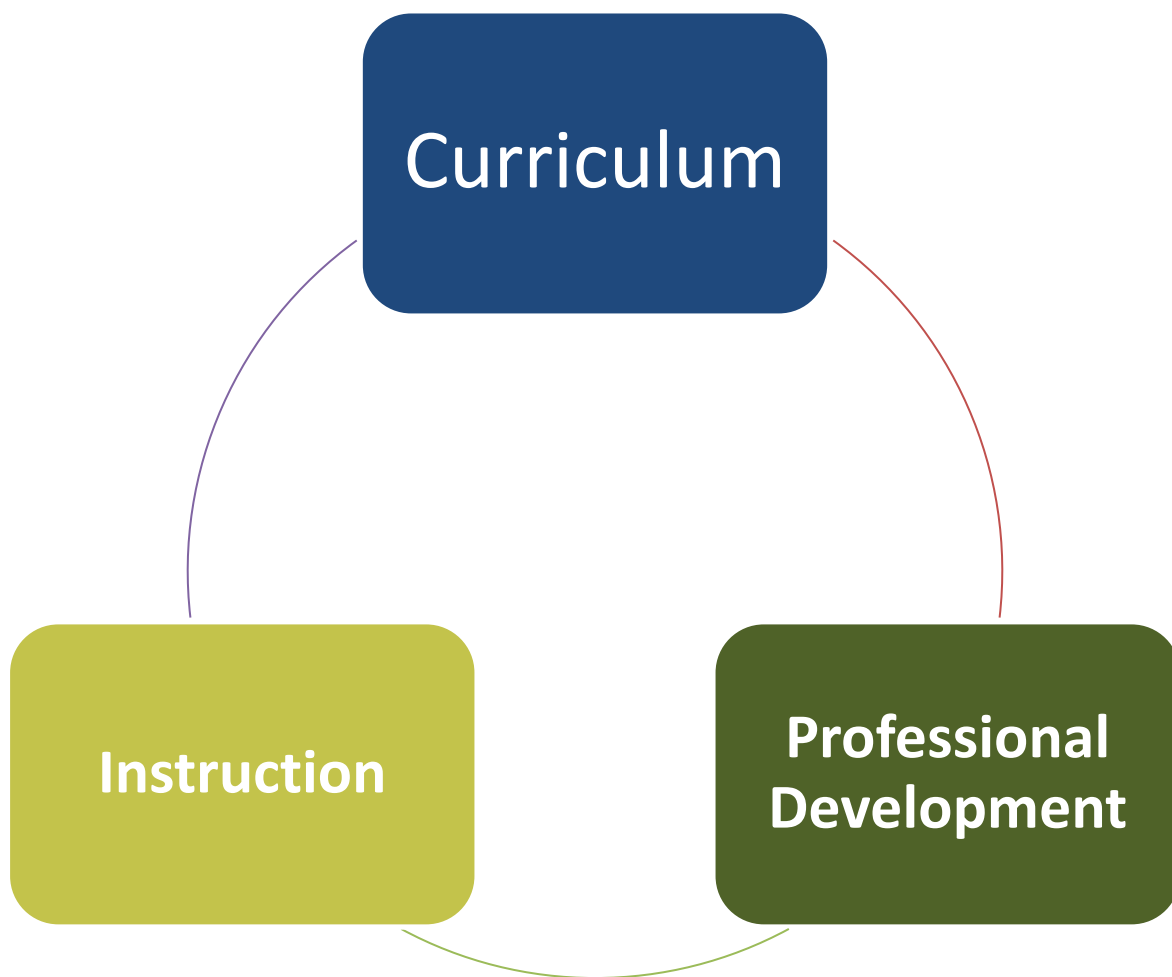


New Employee Orientation

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ACAP

Alabama
Comprehensive
Assessment
Program

Grades

2-8

Computer
adaptive, web-
based
assessment that
tests reading,
math, writing,
and science
(grades 4,6,8)

A
comprehensive
assessment that
is fully aligned to
grade level
Alabama state
standards

Testing window
April 4 - May 6

ACT w/writing

PreACT - Grade 10
ACT - Grade 11

English,
reading, math,
science, &
writing

*PreACT testing
window:*

October 4-22

ACT Test Day:

March 29

Location:

GCHS

Work Keys

Grade 12

WorkKeys is a job
skills assessment
system measuring
"real-world" skills
that employers
believe are critical to
job success.

Areas tested:

Applied
Mathematics,
Locating Information,
Applied Technology,
Reading for
Information

Online testing
window:

Oct. 6 - Nov. 1

Location:

GCHS

➤ **Professional Development and Mentoring**

- In-service calendar on website
- First year teachers with < one semester experience will have a mentor
 - Program Coordinator – Allison Correll

GREAT WEBSITES, TIPS, AND LINKS YOU WILL NEED!

➤ **IMPORTANT TIPS**

- **Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day:** We are all here for the students...be their #1 fan, supporter, and encourager...do whatever it takes for them to be successful!
- Provide instruction bell to bell every day. Include bell-ringers and exit slips. Use to plan next lesson.
- Set high expectations for **all** students
- Focus on developing critical thinking skills.
- **Reading and writing across the curriculum – every day, every class.**
- Post daily outcomes/objectives on the board each day.
- Purposeful planning is key....write effective lesson plans with before, during, & after strategies, and document standards *taught* and *assessed* weekly.
- Standards are spiral...nothing is taught in isolation. *Objectives/standards are not “one and done.”*
- Communicate with parents regularly.



WEBSITES AND LINKS

- <https://www.alabamaachieves.org> – state dept.
- <https://www.alabamaachieves.org/academic-standards>
- <http://alex.state.al.us/ccrs/> - standards
- <https://www.alex.state.al.us/> - lesson plans
- <https://academy.act.org/> - ACT practice test and materials