



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: March 23, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: District Instructional Focus

PRESENTER: Amber Crissey, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction;
Matthew Simmons, Science Coordinator

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The district instructional data dashboard provides the district with a systematic process for gathering multiple data points to track implementation levels of the district instructional focus areas and to monitor student progress data throughout the school year.
- The Curriculum & Instruction Department will provide the Board with a science teaching and learning update.
- As AISD continues its journey toward full implementation of the 2024-2025 Science Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), the following steps continue to guide the transition to ensure both students and teachers are well-prepared for success:
 - Professional learning is equipping teachers with practical strategies to foster rigorous scientific discussion and analytical thinking, ensuring the new science standards are enacted through purposeful questioning, structured discourse, and evidence-driven reasoning in daily instruction.
 - Collaborative teams are designing learning experiences that require students to analyze phenomena, engage in sustained academic conversations, and construct arguments grounded in data, fully aligned to 3-Dimensional Learning, Science and Engineering Practices, and storyline-driven instruction.
 - Curriculum writers are developing exemplar phenomenon-based units that immerse students in inquiry, challenge them to interpret and apply evidence, and strengthen their ability to communicate scientific thinking with clarity and precision while making authentic real-world connections.
 - District Common Assessment data is being used to sharpen instructional decisions, increasing intentional opportunities for higher-order thinking, problem-solving, and demonstration of deep conceptual understanding aligned to targeted learning outcomes.

- Student successes and best instructional practices that are being implemented will be highlighted from science classrooms across the district.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

Instructional Focus Presentation

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

None