

Ohio Academic Content Standards 101

Audience: *K-12 Teachers, Principals*

Time: *30 minutes*

PROCEDURES

- 1) Provide the *Standards* survey and ask participants to self-score it. The survey is designed to determine participants' understanding of key terms and essential understandings associated with Ohio's Academic Content Standards.
- 2) Conduct a quick check on scores by asking participants to turn in an anonymous note with their score recorded or by having them raise fingers representing the number of points they received on the survey.
- 3) Make a decision with the group as to whether to continue on with the PowerPoint presentation, *Academic Content Standards 101*, or to make it available to individuals who feel they need a refresher on the information.
- 4) Pause for an activity when the Blueprints are displayed. Give participants time to examine the Blueprint on the screen, looking for patterns and trends. For some groups, a longer refresher on the Ohio Achievement and Ohio Graduation Test Blueprints may be needed. Additional Blueprints appropriate for the audience can be downloaded and copied for use. The *Numbered Heads Together* strategy, as described in the *Facilitator's Guide*, can be used for asking the group questions and gathering responses. Blueprints will be addressed in more detail in Module IV: Interpreting and Using Item Analysis Data.
- 5) Refer participants to the ODE Instructional Management System (IMS) at <https://ims.ode.state.oh.us>, to learn more on this topic.

COMMENTS TO FACILITATOR

ODE's Instructional Management System is an excellent resource for facilitators preparing for this session.

This activity can be adapted for individuals, small groups or entire staffs. Options are provided for surveying participants to determine how much time needs to be spent on these concepts.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Participants will be able to identify the format of the Ohio Academic Content Standards and that benchmarks are assessed with differing levels of frequency.

DESCRIPTION

This activity is designed to be a quick check for educators already familiar with the format of the Ohio Academic Content Standards. A pre-assessment can be administered to assess understanding, followed by a PowerPoint presentation reviewing key terminology. This activity can also be used to introduce new or returning educators to the basic structure and format of Ohio's standards-based educational system.

MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

- *Standards* survey
- Optional: Ohio Test Blueprints Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Web site: <http://www.ode.state.oh.us> (Testing and Assessments, Achievement Tests, Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT), Blueprints)
- PowerPoint presentation: *Academic Content Standards 101*
- Computer, video projector, screen

VARIATIONS & EXTENSIONS

The contents of this session can be easily adapted for use with small groups.

This activity can be used with new teachers or teachers/principals that are returning to a school system.

If a Personal Response System (PRS) is available, the survey questions can be administered and feedback collected immediately.

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