SASIT (Standards Aligned System Integration Trainer)*

Target Audience: Administrators, Curriculum Coordinators, and Teachers

Prerequisite: Attendance at a SAS101 workshop or a SAS Portal Overview Session

Workshop Duration: 2 days; 8:30am– 3:30pm (12 hours)

Workshop Description:

The **Standards Aligned System (SAS)** is **the Pennsylvania Department of Education's comprehensive approach to support student achievement across the Commonwealth.** The Pennsylvania Standards Aligned System (SAS) is a collaborative product of research and good practice that identifies six distinct elements which, if utilized together, will provide schools and districts a common framework for continuous school and district enhancement and improvement. Much research has been conducted as to what makes a great school. These elements are Clear Standards, Fair Assessments, Curriculum Framework, Instruction, Materials & Resources, and Interventions. To operationalize the Standards Aligned System, the SAS Portal has been developed to provide resources, tools, materials, content, and examples of best practices to the educational community.

This two-day train-the-trainer workshop sponsored by PDE will train participants to become SAS trainers. The workshop will include presentation and training techniques on SAS, the use of the SAS site and resources. Participants of this workshop will commit to train colleagues in their districts, buildings, and/or intermediate unit on the implementation of SAS via the SAS Portal.

Workshop Objectives:

Upon completion of the workshop, trainers will be able to:
- Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the six components of a Standards Aligned System and how they align to promote improved student achievement.
- Practice using the different functions of Clear Standards for varied purposes in preparation for future trainings.
- Create examples of scenarios for each of the different functions in the Clear Standards section to use when providing trainings.
- Explain the different content types within SAS portal Materials & Resources section, the sources of content, and the search capabilities when facilitating SAS trainings.
- Identify and select Materials & Resources aligned to PA Standards and Eligible Content to share with audiences in future trainings.
- Develop ways to share the Curriculum Frameworks and ELL Overlay documents with administrators, curriculum coordinators, and teachers for different purposes for SAS trainings in respective intermediate units, districts, schools, and school buildings.
- Practice training others on creating customized student assessments using released test items aligned to PA Standards and Eligible Content.

- Examine resource materials related to assessments to share with future audiences in SAS trainings.
- Create activities for future SAS trainings using the Instruction and Intervention tabs that would be beneficial to share with colleagues and students within their respective intermediate units, districts, schools, and school buildings.
- Using the My Website tool, build a training website to post announcements and store relevant materials, resources, and tip sheets for SAS trainings.
- Join the SAS Professional Learning Community for SASITs and participate in the Communities, Blogs, and Forums that are available for trainers.
- Practice using the Curriculum Mapping tool by building a template, determining instructional fields, and using the SAS Portal to embed Standards, Assessment Anchors, and Eligible Content.
- Practice adding District Curriculum Maps to My Curriculum Maps and Instructional Maps.
- Create an Instructional Map with Teacher Notes and upload Materials and Resources and other documents from My ePortfolio to embed within an Instructional Map.
- Develop and discuss action plans for providing professional development to colleagues on SAS and the SAS Portal.
- Describe how implementing all the components of a Standards Aligned System can improve student engagement and achievement.
- Practice using the SAS Training database for creating training sessions and administering surveys/evaluations to your participants.

* **To use the advanced features found in the SAS Portal, your computer must meet the following requirements:**

Windows XP or higher
- Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher
- Mozilla Firefox 2.0 or higher
- Google Chrome 2.0 or higher
- Safari 3.0 or higher
- Opera 9.0 or higher

Mac OSX 10.4 or higher
- Mozilla Firefox 2.0 or higher
- Safari 3.0 or higher
- Opera 9.0 or higher

Additionally, prior to attending a SAS Portal Workshop, please ensure your computer meets the following requirements:
- Internet browser must be set to allow Javascript to run.
- Flash version 8 or higher is required.
- Pop-up blockers must be turned off or allowed for the website: www.pdesas.org.
- This site is best viewed with your monitor's resolution set to 1024 x 768 or higher.
- SAS is best viewed when your default font or view is set to "Medium" in Internet Explorer, "Normal" in Mozilla Firefox, or "Normal" in Google Chrome. If your font size is set significantly larger or smaller, you may experience some difficulty viewing the website.