

Introduction to SAS - SAS 101

Target Audience: Administrators, Curriculum Coordinators, and Teachers who have not attended a SAS Workshop.

Prerequisite: None

Workshop Duration: 6 hours; 8:30am – 3:30pm

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.

In this workshop, participants will learn about the six components of the SAS, how to utilize the SAS Portal, and how to use the information to develop an action plan on the use of SAS and the SAS Portal. The focus will be on maximizing instructional effectiveness and providing targeted resources for individual students that are standards-based, promote active engagement, and reflect effective instructional strategies.

Workshop Objectives:

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify the six elements of a Standards Aligned System.
- Discuss the intent of a Standards Aligned System and explain how the elements of a Standards Aligned System can improve student achievement.
- Compare the different functions within the Clear Standards section and practice using the functions for varied purposes.
- Navigate the SAS Portal to locate PA Standards, examine Materials and Resources, review Curriculum Frameworks, locate information on Assessments, and analyze Intervention resources.
- Identify the different types of resources contained in the SAS Materials and Resources section.
- Upload materials to their personal ePortfolios as well as add and delete folders within the ePortfolio.
- Search and identify Materials & Resources aligned to PA Standards and Eligible Content relevant to their assignments and select items to store in their personal ePortfolios.

- Identify and navigate the various components of the Curriculum Frameworks for a variety of subject areas and grade levels and identify ways to use these frameworks to inform instruction.
- Create customized student assessments using released test items aligned to PA Standards and Eligible Content.
- Review resource materials related to assessments as well as practice entering the Diagnostic Assessment portal through SAS.
- Identify and find resources in the Instruction and Interventions sections that demonstrate effective instructional strategies as well as offering suggested interventions appropriate for their students.
- Using the My Website tool, build a website to post announcements and store relevant materials and resources to enhance home-school communications.
- Join a SAS Professional Learning Community relevant to participant's grade level/subject area or educational role.
- Participate in the Communities, Blogs, and Forums that are available in the SAS Professional Learning Communities relevant to their grade level/subject area or educational role.
- Practice adding District Curriculum Maps to My Curriculum Maps and Instructional Maps.
- Add notes and upload Materials and Resources and other documents from My ePortfolio within an Instructional Map.
- Develop an action plan to use SAS and the SAS Portal to maximize instructional effectiveness and provide targeted resources for individual students that are standards-based, promote active engagement, and reflect effective instructional strategies.