

Implementation Strategies

Calhoun County Middle/High School, Calhoun County Schools
Mt. Zion, WV

Grade(s): 5 – 7

Scenario: One-to-One Laptop Program, Home Access

Purpose: Rtl, Intervention, Supplement

ALEKS Portion of Curriculum: 10%

Time Spent in ALEKS: 1.5 hours per week; 10 hours per term

ALEKS Course: Algebra 1, Algebra 2

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My experience with ALEKS has been very positive.

Scenario

What challenges did the class or school face in math prior to using ALEKS?

Student failure in Algebra 1 and other math classes. Also, not enough time in the regular school day to supplement student needs.

How many days per week is class time dedicated to ALEKS?

3 days per week.

What is the average length of a class period when ALEKS is used?

30 minutes.

Implementation

How do you implement ALEKS?

ALEKS is part of our Rtl implementation in the school.

Do you cover ALEKS concepts in a particular order?

No.

How do you structure your class period with ALEKS?

Three times a week during fifth period student are assigned to the computer lab in which they work on ALEKS.

How did you modify your regular teaching approach as a result of ALEKS?

No.

How often are students required or encouraged to work on ALEKS at home?

They are encouraged to work on ALEKS as much as possible.

How do you cultivate parental involvement and support for ALEKS?

Parents are notified during parent meetings, that ALEKS is an intervention to their child's math program.

Grading

Is ALEKS assigned to your students as all or part of their homework responsibilities? If so, what part of the total homework load is it?

No, it is not assigned as homework.

How do you incorporate ALEKS into your grading system?

It is not incorporated into our grading system.

Do you require students to make regular amounts of progress in ALEKS?

No, progress is individualized and is not measured.

Best Practices

Are there any best practices you would like to share with other teachers implementing ALEKS?

Make sure that the computer labs have the ALEKS plug-in installed prior to use.