

Implementation Strategies

St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Private
Saratoga, CA

Grade(s): K – 8

Scenario: One-to-One Laptop Program

Purpose: Enrichment/Gifted and Talented, Supplement

ALEKS Portion of Curriculum: 15%

Time Spent in ALEKS: 0.5 hours per week, 4 hours per term

ALEKS Course: Middle School Math Course 2, Middle School Math Course 3

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ALEKS is a great enrichment program; it's self-paced and continually assesses students.

Scenario

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

1 day per week.

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

30 minutes.

Implementation

How do you implement ALEKS?

I use QuickTables for students working more slowly, while accelerated students use ALEKS to progress at their own pace.

Do you cover ALEKS concepts in a particular order?

No. Students choose what they want to work on.

How do you structure your class period with ALEKS?

I use ALEKS as an assessment, and when I need a substitute.

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

I did not.

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

30 minutes from home per week.

How do you cultivate parental involvement and support for ALEKS?

Parents want to see their children complete the pie.

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?

Very rarely.

How do you incorporate ALEKS into your grading system?

I don't use ALEKS as part of my grading system.

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

No, it is not required.

Learning Outcomes

Since using ALEKS, please describe the learning outcomes or progress you have seen.

Students are able to progress in ALEKS at their own pace. Some students have been able to "jump" a course! They love ALEKS!

Best Practices

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

I love ALEKS for what I need!