

# Implementation Strategies

**Sheffield Middle School, Sheffield Lake City School District**  
Sheffield Lake, OH

**Grade(s):** 6 – 8

**Scenario:** Computer Lab, Computers in Classroom

**Purpose:** Improve State Test Scores, Core Curriculum, Supplement

**ALEKS Portion of Curriculum:** 75%

**Time Spent in ALEKS:** 5–6 hours per week, 45 hours per term

## **Kristin Torbert, Teacher**

My students absolutely love ALEKS! It is individualized which makes them work hard to get to the next level. I've seen many students work diligently to complete their "pie." They are actually competing with each other and even talk about their accomplishments outside of class.

## **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?**

45 minutes.

## **Implementation**

**How do you implement ALEKS?**

Every Monday is an ALEKS day. Students know we are going to the computer lab to work in ALEKS.

**Do you cover ALEKS concepts in a particular order?**

No.

**How do you structure your class period with ALEKS?**

I take students to the lab to work on their pie graphs.

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

I haven't.

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

At least 30 minutes per night.

## **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.

**How do you incorporate ALEKS into your grading system?**

By time spent.

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

Their goal is to "level-up" and complete their pie during the ten weeks that we used the program.

## Learning Outcomes

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

The students really enjoy ALEKS! I've seen many students work diligently to complete their pie. They are actually competing with each other and even talk about their accomplishments outside of class.