

# Implementation Strategies

**Cisco Junior High School, Cisco Independent School District**  
Cisco, TX

**Grade(s):** 6 – 8

**Scenario:** Computer Lab

**Purpose:** Improve State Test Scores, At-Risk Students, Core Curriculum, Supplement

**ALEKS Portion of Curriculum:** 40%

**Time Spent in ALEKS:** 1.5 hours per week

**ALEKS Course:** Middle School Math Course 3

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ALEKS is downright, one of the best programs I have ever used. I have learned that if a student finishes at least 80 percent of their grade level course in ALEKS, they will pass the state exams.

## Scenario

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

My biggest challenge was knowing what each student needed.

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

2 days per week.

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

45 minutes.

## Implementation

**How do you implement ALEKS?**

If a student is having problems with a math topic, I have them work on that topic in ALEKS.

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

There is no particular order.

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

We go to the computer labs two days a week and work in ALEKS.

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

No, I do not modify my regular teaching approach.

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

They are not required to work on ALEKS at home.

**How do you cultivate parental involvement and support for ALEKS?**

I have several students who use the Spanish feature.

## 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 homework.

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

I do not incorporate ALEKS into my grading system.

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

There is no set amount, but I do check their progress through the Teacher Module.

## **Learning Outcomes**

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

I have learned that if a student finishes at least 80 percent of their grade level course in ALEKS, they will pass the state exams. Additionally, my students love that ALEKS is self-paced and like to see their pie charts fill up.

## **Best Practices**

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

The big seller about ALEKS is that it allows students to start at their own grade level and work up. My gifted students have no limits.