



AAC develops a wide variety of print and web-based assessment resources for Alberta classrooms. Take a tour of our website, and see how AAC resources can help you use assessment to support learning for *all* students!





Do you know your jurisdiction's AAC username and password?

If not, contact info@aac.ab.ca for assistance!

Prevent an assessment crisis! These blog entries might just be the thing to help everyone get 'on the same page' in terms of classroom assessment.

Assessment Talking Points

Access a thought-provoking collection of Assessment Talking Points, directed variously to leaders, teachers, and parents. These can be discussed at meetings, attached to a staff email, or shared at parent meetings or through school newsletters.



Look for the icon on the homepage, or use this link to check out a recent Talking Point.

https://aac.ab.ca/does-test-prep-have-to-look-like-test-prep/



Find a Talking Point that you find interesting, and perhaps even a touch provocative!

How might you share this with colleagues or parents?





PD funds in short supply? The AAC website has enough material to support *years* of professional learning conversations about what *really* works

in classroom assessment!

Self-Directed PD Resources

https://aac.ab.ca/self-directed-pd-resources/



Highlights...

Assessment in Action https://aac.ab.ca/grants/assessment-capacity/

This collection of 32 videos features real Alberta teachers, real students, and real classrooms! Each video is accompanied by discussion questions and links to other AAC resources, to support assessment conversations in your school or PLC.

Assessment in the LQS and TQS https://aac.ab.ca/grants/tqs-lqs/

A link to a new on-line AAC publication to support professional conversations about assessment. The publication works alongside the "Assessment in Action" video collection.

- Burning Questions from Teachers https://aac.ab.ca/learn/questions/
 Can peer feedback really be effective? What's wrong with assigning group grades? Check out our thoughts on these questions, and submit some burning questions of your own!
- Big Ideas in the Classroom https://aac.ab.ca/learn/big-ideas/
 This section contains materials that break down specific higher order thinking skills, and provides ideas for supporting students (think formative assessment!) as they learn and refine these skills across grade levels and subject areas.
- Conference Archives https://aac.ab.ca/learn/conference-archive/
 Thought-provoking videos from past AAC conferences, featuring Dylan Wiliam, Rick Wormeli, and Ruth Sutton. More on the way!
- Assessment Foundations https://aac.ab.ca/learn/go/assessment-foundations/
 Among other things, find links to two key documents: the "AAC Key Visual" and "Successful Learners".
- Many more resources from across the AAC website, organized by topics
 Look for resources on the topics of <u>Criteria</u>, <u>Differentiated Assessment</u>, <u>Formative Assessment</u>,

 Summative Assessment, and <u>Rubrics</u>.
- High School Mathematics https://aac.ab.ca/learn/high-school-math-resources/

Of special interest to math teachers!

• Elementary Math https://aac.ab.ca/grants/supporting-mathematical-thinking-through-formative-assessment/



Take a look at one of the AAC PD resources.

How could you use this resource in a conversation with a colleague? In a more formal grade level/PLC/school-wide meeting?

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Classroom Materials

https://aac.ab.ca/classroom-materials/

Here's where AAC began over 25 years ago! High quality performance tasks, rubrics, and formative assessment tools are based on Alberta curriculum.



A wealth of quality resources designed for use in Alberta classrooms!

Highlights...

• Performance Assessments https://aac.ab.ca/materials/

Can't wait for the new curriculum so we can create new tasks!

- A library of over 200 performance assessment tasks, complete with rubrics, outcome correlation, and formative assessment tools, from Kindergarten to Grade 12. You can search the tasks by grade and/or subject, and easily revise or adapt them for your own classroom context.
- Scaffolding Materials https://aac.ab.ca/materials/scaffolding/
 Are you ready to build your own formative assessment tools? In this section, you'll find templates for peer coaching, teacher feedback, and self-reflection, as well as links to examples of scaffolding tools from AAC performance tasks.
- Rubric Materials https://aac.ab.ca/materials/rubric-materials/
 Looking to build better rubrics? As an AAC member, you can download the invaluable "Rubric Wordsmith", access rubric templates, and take a look at the "Rubric Sampler".



So much to discover here!

Find a **performance task** that you can use in your classroom. What can you learn about the link among teaching/learning/assessment from this task? How might you adapt it for your students?

Take a look at some AAC scaffolding tools. How can these tools help students improve the quality of their work 'in progress'? Use one of these tools as a model to create a feedback opportunity for your students with a task/skill they are currently practicing.

Give one of your rubrics an 'AAC approved' make-over!

Don't forget about AAC print resources! https://store.aac.ab.ca/











These resources will support you in designing performance tasks for your students, and help with *every* aspect of classroom assessment. Discounts for AAC members!

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Events and Workshops

While the format of the famous AAC Conference has changed with the times... what hasn't changed, is our commitment to high quality professional learning with a focus on the Alberta context.



Assessment 20/20: How Clear is Our Vision?

A unique conference experience this year with AAC and the Canadian Assessment for Learning Network (CAfLN)!

https://aac.ab.ca/events-and-workshops/alberta-assessment-consortium-and-the assessment-for-learning-network-are-partnering-to-host-a-combined-confe



POSTPONED UNTIL FALL 2020.

Postponed updates!

Check back for updates!

How might you access PD funds to attend?

Effective Classroom Assessment Cohort Series

https://aac.ab.ca/events-and-workshops/effectiveclassroom-assessment-cohort-series/

These workshop series, for teachers (3 days) and leaders (2 days), are offered regionally and open to individuals or groups. Come together with participants who share your passion for assessment, and deepen your understanding through collaboration and conversation.

Contact info@aac.ab.ca for more information.

"Best assessment PD ever!"

Looking for an in-depth learning experience?

Consider joining an AAC assessment cohort and learn with like-minded colleagues!

