

# PDE SAS UPDATES

## *Resources that support the implementation of the PA Core Standards*

**PDE SAS Website** - <http://www.pdesas.org>

### **PA Core Standards** (interactive)

This level of the standards allows you to see the PA Core Standard, Standard Area, Grade Level, Assessment Anchor, Anchor Descriptor and Eligible Content.

- Click on the Standards tab
- Click on the View Standards sub tab
- Select Grade Level
- Choose PA core Standards from All Subject Areas

### **Assessment Anchors and Eligible Content - PA Core Crosswalks - Emphasis Guides**

- Go to <http://pdesas.org>
- Click on the Standards tab

### **Curriculum Framework**

This view of the Curriculum Framework will allow you to see the Long Term Transfer Goals, Big Ideas, Essential Questions, Concepts, Competencies, Vocabulary, PA Core Standards and Eligible Content.

- Click on the Curriculum Framework tab
- Click on the PA Core Curriculum Framework sub tab
- Choose PA Core Standards from Select a Subject

### **Materials and Resources**

- Click on the Materials and Resources tab
- Select a grade level
- Choose PA Core Standards from Select a Subject Area

### **PA Core Instructional Frameworks**

Pennsylvania has developed curriculum maps based on the Pennsylvania Core Standards in the subject areas of Math and ELA. Pennsylvania teachers and curriculum specialists developed these maps with support from the Pennsylvania of Education Bureau of Teaching and Learning Curriculum Advisors.

The maps are not intended to be all-inclusive but are designed to be used as examples of content and topics that are aligned to the PA Core Standards. The maps should be used as guides for schools and districts to review, revise, and create their curricula using these as a foundation or reference.

To access the PA Core Instructional Frameworks -

- Login to SAS
- Click on Teacher Tools
- Click on Curriculum Mapping

Click on PA Core Standards Instructional Frameworks ELA and Math

**The following can be found under the My Curriculum Maps Page:**

1. Long Term Transfer Goals, Big Ideas, and Essential Questions
2. PA Core Standards: Focus and Important Standards

Identifying Focus Standards

- Is this standard “notched up” from prior grades? Is there a new learning? Is it deeper learning? Is there a cognitive or knowledge change from the prior grade?
- Does this standard connect to important Eligible Content?
- Does it require explicit instruction?
- As an experienced educator, is this standard critical to learning at this grade level?

Identifying Important Standards

- Is this standard important but not assessed?
- Is this standard previewed or introduced?
- Is this standard one that should be reinforced-but does not require explicit instruction?
- Is this standard a review of prior learning? Is it very similar to the prior grade level?

3. Curriculum Map Components
4. Grade Band Summaries
5. Grade Level Summaries
6. Modules by Grade Level

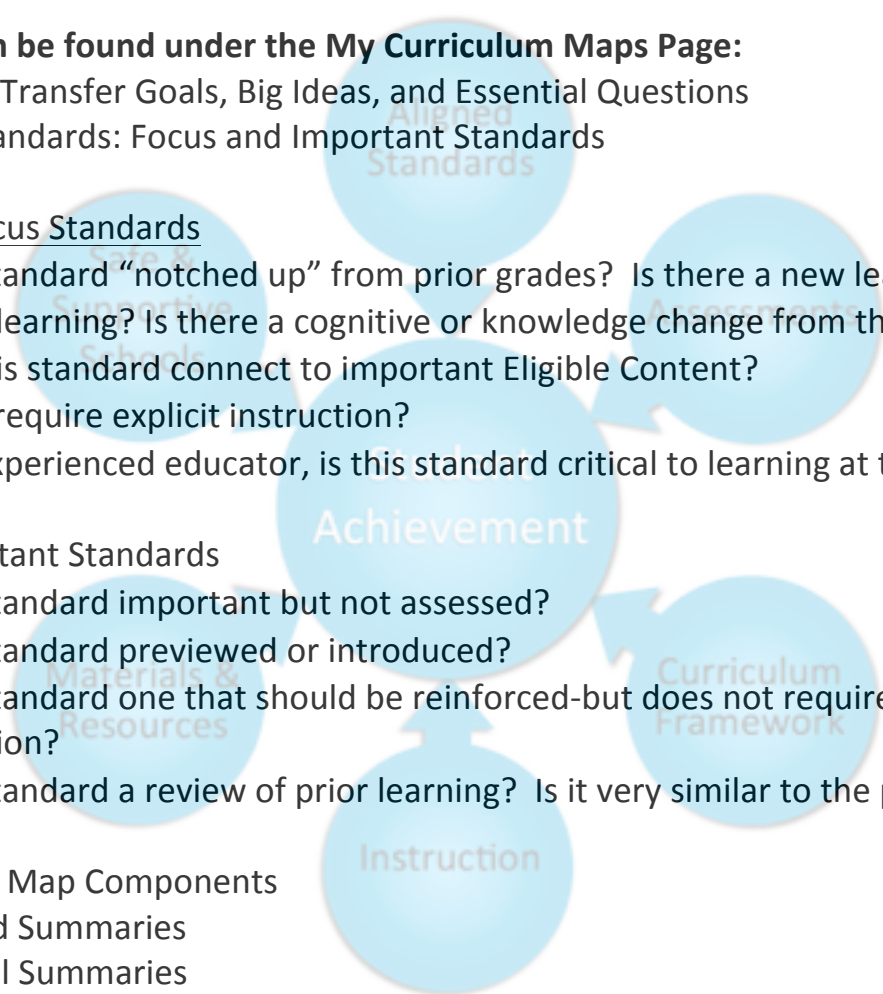
**Understanding Depth of Knowledge and Cognitive Complexity-Keystones**

Click on the Assessment tab

Click on the Keystone Exams sub tab

**Additional Resources - Item Samplers**

Information regarding the PSSAs can be on the PDE website. [Learn more](#)



The following can be found on the PSSA page:

1. Getting ready for the 2014 State Assessments PPT and webinar recording
2. Resource Materials
  - a. PSSA Braille Item Samplers
  - b. PSSA Performance Level Descriptors and Cut Scores
  - c. Preliminary Item and Scoring Samplers for Mathematics and ELS Grades 3-5
  - d. Grade 4 - Sample passage based essay
  - e. Scoring guidelines
  - f. Mathematics formula sheets
  - g. Target Passage Types for the Reading PSSAs

