

6. 2 Curricular Alignment Quality Standard (Element 4: Learning Integration)

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Curricular alignment ensures that tutoring sessions reinforce classroom learning. Tutors must use a standards-aligned, rigorous, and grade-level appropriate curriculum. A structured curriculum allows tutors to focus their planning time on practical implementation and deep content mastery.

This section covers key content for programs to:

- **Align Tutoring with Classroom Curriculum**— Partner with schools to align tutoring content using a curriculum alignment checklist. Request relevant instructional materials, such as scope and sequence, unit plans, lesson plans, and textbooks, to ensure alignment.
- **Plan for Responsive Instruction** – Use backward planning to align tutoring with classroom instruction. Identify the foundational skills and standards students need to succeed, adjusting the tutoring scope and sequence accordingly. Pinpoint prerequisite standards for upcoming content and those introduced in initial instruction. Develop supplemental materials that match the level and rigor of classroom content. Address potential misconceptions by incorporating teacher exemplars.
- **Design High-Quality Tutoring Sessions** – Use instructional materials aligned with grade-level standards to support student mastery. A consistent session structure—including relationship-building, independent practice, formative assessment, aligned vocabulary, models, and strategies—ensures that students reach their learning goals.

Do First:

- ☐ Determine the [subject area of focus](#) for the tutoring program.

Sustainability:

- ☐ Establish an instructional team that meets **biweekly or monthly** to evaluate [curriculum alignment](#) with classroom instruction.
- ☐ Use [student data consistently](#) to adjust instructional materials, ensuring they support skill and content mastery.

Checklist and Tools:

	Key Recommendations	Tools to Implement
Align Tutoring with Classroom Curriculum	☐ Partner with schools to ensure curriculum alignment. ☐ Use a curriculum alignment checklist. ☐ Request relevant instructional materials, including: ☐ Scope and Sequence ☐ Unit Plans ☐ Lesson Plans ☐ Textbooks	☐ Checklist: Curriculum Alignment
Plan for Responsive Instruction	☐ Identify foundational and prerequisite skills needed for student success. ☐ Ensure tutoring aligns with classroom scope, sequence, and standards (both current and upcoming). ☐ Create rigorous supplemental materials that address misconceptions. ☐ Integrate academic language, models, and conceptual understanding from the classroom. ☐ Reinforce academic behaviors and expectations to support student learning.	☐ Example: Saga Sample Lesson ☐ Tool: Aligning Tutoring Curriculum to School Curriculum ☐ <i>Resource List:</i> Blended Learning Software ☐ <i>Checklist:</i> Curriculum Alignment ☐ <i>Website:</i> Zearn Math ☐ <i>Resource:</i> Choosing Blended Learning Software ☐ <i>Website:</i> The UDL Guidelines ☐ <i>Website:</i> Web Content Accessibility

Design High-Quality Tutoring Sessions	☐ Use rigorous, standards-aligned materials to support student mastery. ☐ Plan targeted learning goals for each session. ☐ Develop a consistent session structure that includes: ☐ Relationship-building ☐ Independent practice ☐ Formative assessment ☐ Ensure the vocabulary, models, and strategies used in tutoring align with classroom instruction.	

Aligned Standards and Self-Assessment Indicators

LEARNING INTEGRATION Curricular Alignment	If classroom instruction is based on rigorous and high-quality materials, the tutoring program aligns to classroom curricula.
4c.1 Access to and understanding of the school's curriculum materials, including scope and sequence and unit timelines 4c.2 A plan to ensure tutoring program complements and is responsive to the classroom instruction that students receive (e.g., the program uses the same vocabulary used in classroom instruction)	