

BACKWARD DESIGN

Houston A+ Challenge

2019-2020

Unpacking the Standards

Master teachers begin at the end. Using the standards and sample aligned assessment questions, teachers will unpack the complexity of the standards to design learning targets for their classrooms.

Creating Strong Assessments

An assessment, any assessment, should inform teachers about their practice and what their students know. By creating strong assessments, teachers can use the tests as a tool for studying their practices as a team, future lesson design and addressing gaps in students learning.

Designing Learning Targets

What do you want your students to learn? Planning for what students are going to do to meet and exceed the standards. Scripting lessons and practicing before going live.

I have to say again thank you for inviting me to experience this workshop. I used some of the ideas immediately that same day when I went to teach tutorials. Amazing!

*~Ebony Keller
Teacher*



After working with the standards, teachers used lesson design to build understanding.

Exceeding Expectations

- Powerful learning around the Texas state standards
- How to check questions for alignment through deep study with assessment writers

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