

In alignment with the *Achieve Today. Excel Tomorrow.* strategic plan, the Arlington ISD designed a standard to the student learning experience called the Arlington ISD Active Learning Cycle. District leaders, curriculum staff and principals spent the 2016-2017 school year establishing a common context for learning across the district with an emphasis on catering to the individual learner.

The purpose of the Active Learning Cycle, which is the seventh and final step of the Teach for Understanding Planning Cycle, is to intentionally design the learning experience of students with an emphasis on a personal plan. There are five steps in the process. They are:

- Inspire: Finding a way to connect students to get them hooked into the lesson
- Commit: Using the goal-setting process to encourage them to stick with the learning experience
- Acquire: Providing them with opportunities to learn new knowledge through various learning methods
- Apply: Allowing students to display the knowledge they've learned with real-world activities and problem solving
- Demonstrate: Showing mastery of learning in relevant, real-world contexts that foster integration of skillsets



ACTIVE LEARNING CYCLE

A pilot group of teachers spent the spring training to implement the cycle, and the work continued in the summer. Several schools will begin using the Active Learning Cycle in the classroom this fall. Through a responsible rollout that is cohort focused and centered on personalized training and coaching, the Active Learning Cycle is expected to be fully implemented by June 2021.

The Active Learning Cycle will promote quality and consistency of the learner's experience across the district. It will also provide clarity for teachers and for professional learning standards.