

Anatomy of a Student Learning Objective

<p>Title – A short name for the SLO</p> <p>Content Area – The content area(s) to which this SLO applies</p> <p>Grade Level – The grade level(s) of the students</p> <p>Students – The number and grade/class of students to whom this SLO applies</p> <p>Interval of Instruction – The length of the course (e.g., year, semester, quarter)</p>		
Main Criteria	Element	Description
<p>Essential Question: What are the most important knowledge/skill(s) I want my students to attain by the end of the interval of instruction?</p>		
Priority of Content	Objective Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies the priority content and learning that is expected during the interval of instruction The objective statement should be broad enough that it captures the major content of an extended instructional period, but focused enough that it can be measured
	Rationale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a data-driven and/or curriculum-based explanation for the focus of the Student Learning Objective
	Aligned Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specifies the standards (e.g., CCSS, Rhode Island GSEs, GLEs, or other state or national standards) to which this objective is aligned
<p>Essential Question: Where are my students now (at the beginning of instruction) with respect to the objective?</p>		
	Baseline Data / Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes students' baseline knowledge, including the source(s) of data/information and its relation to the overall course objectives
<p>Essential Question: Based on what I know about my students, where do I expect them to be by the end of the interval of instruction and how will they demonstrate their knowledge/skills?</p>		
Rigor of Target	Target(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes where the teacher expects all students to be at the end of the interval of instruction The target should be measurable and rigorous, yet attainable for the interval of instruction In most cases, the target should be tiered to reflect students' differing baselines
	Rationale for Target(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains the way in which the target was determined, including the data source (e.g., benchmark assessment, historical data for the students in the course, historical data from past students) and evidence that indicate the target is both rigorous and attainable for all students Rationale should be provided for each target and/or tier
Quality of Evidence	Evidence Source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes how student learning will be assessed and why the assessment(s) is appropriate for measuring the objective Describes how the measure of student learning will be administered (e.g., once or multiple times; during class or during a designated testing window; by the classroom teacher or someone else) Describes how the evidence will be collected and scored (e.g., scored by the classroom teacher individually or by a team of teachers; scored once or a percentage double-scored)