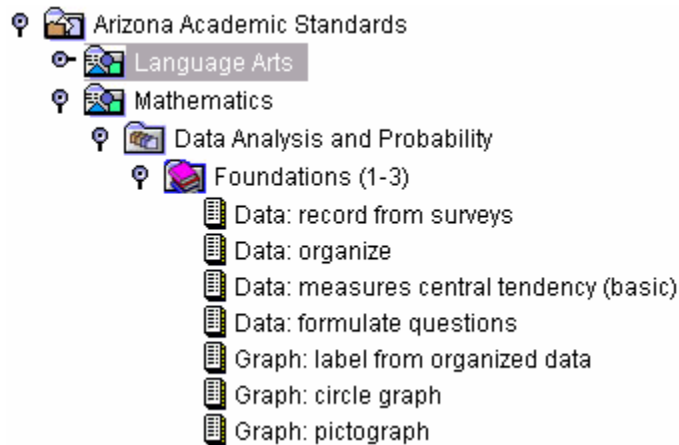


Standards Alignment in the *A+nyWhere Learning System*[®] Courseware Program

As you are looking at the *A+nyWhere Learning System*[®] (*A+LS*[™]) courseware program, it is important to know a few things about how The American Education Corporation develops alignments to state and national standards. The following procedures are used to incorporate the standards into the *A+LS* program.

1. Transcribe the standards into a spreadsheet format.
2. Edit the standards to comply with *A+nyWhere Learning System* program's data format. In many cases this means editing the length of standards and subsets of the standards.
3. Import the standards into the *A+nyWhere Learning System* program's database.
4. Create the alignment of the standards to *A+LS* skills. This is done within the *A+nyWhere Learning System* program. Each standard is manually linked to an *A+LS* skill. Our curriculum staff includes certified educators and/or persons with a bachelor's degree in the content specific field.
5. Proofread the alignments.

The standards and the alignment to *A+LS* are displayed in a tree such as is common to many computer functions. The standards tree shows Standard Set, Curriculum Area, Standard Subset, Curriculum Level, and Standard. The State of Arizona is used for the illustration below.



The standards shown from Arizona have been edited to fit this table structure. For many states this structure fits the state standards exactly. We will begin work to add flexibility to the *A+LS* program to display each State's standards exactly as they are written. In the case of Arizona, as with some other states, there is another level to the tree. Arizona has standards, goals, and performance objectives. Due to database limitations, the goals and performance objectives have been combined into one description. We believe we have edited in a way that our users will readily recognize their state standards. For all states, exact, verbatim transcriptions of the each states' standards are represented in the lowest level in the standards tree. Additionally, the identification numbers for the standards are included exactly as they appear in the original documents from each state.

This description of the state standards alignment process is designed to help you become acquainted with the state standards as they are used within the *A+LS* program. Please let us know if you need additional or more detailed information by calling 1-800-222-2811.