

## Appendix E: Alignment Criteria

- **“Aligned as Designed”**: If taught as designed, students have the opportunity to meet the standard.
- **“Aligned with Modifications”**: Includes only minor modifications in vocabulary, an activity or explicit inclusion of an extension. (See Instructional Comments for specifics.)
  - Vocabulary: Intentional use of vocabulary as found in Washington State Science Learning Standards.
  - Extension: Aligns with inclusion of extension activities as described in Teacher’s Guide.
  - Minor modifications: Modification does not add activities or change a concept, conceptual or instructional flow in core materials.
- △ **“Module Requires Changes”**: Full coverage of the standard cannot be achieved as written without a change in the instructional design. (See Instructional Comments within the alignment document for specifics.)

*These criteria are for the **entire** module. For example, if a standard is strongly met in Investigation 5 and qualifies as a closed circle or is “Aligned as Designed”, but is only loosely met in Investigation 7, the alignment is still a closed circle or is still “Aligned as Designed”.*