

Sample Agenda for Determining Power Standards*

Time	Description of Activity	Product
Ten minutes	The team discusses the terms <i>endurance</i> , <i>leverage</i> , and <i>readiness</i> to make sure team members have a common understanding of these criteria and what they are looking for.	
Twenty minutes	Each team member works independently to apply the three criteria to his or her list of state standards. It is important not to take too much time during this step or some teachers may overthink the process and want to mark most of the standards.	Each teacher will have highlighted approximately one-third of his or her standards, indicating the ones he or she believes meet the criteria.
Up to an hour	During this step, the team builds consensus about which standards belong on the draft list. Team members may spend time discussing what the standard means.	Teams develop a first draft of their team list of power standards.
Twenty minutes	Compare the draft of power standards to the state blueprint indicating what is likely going to be emphasized on the state test. The team may want to spend some additional time looking at longitudinal data about how students generally do on the state test.	Teams might revise the draft to reflect what they've learned.
Thirty minutes to one hour	Teams review how their draft list of power standards fits into the standards chosen by the grade level or course before theirs and the grade level or course taught after theirs. They look for gaps and redundancies.	Each team walks away with a final list of power standards for its team that is aligned to the state test blueprint and vertically aligned with other teams in its building or district.
Varies	The team then discusses the pacing of its power standards. For some schools and districts this is done using previously developed curriculum maps or pacing guides. For others, this will take much longer if teams are starting from scratch.	Teams should have a document that lays out—at least quarterly or by trimester—which power standards are being taught during that quarter or trimester.

**This will likely not all happen during the same meeting.*