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**UTPA\_STC\_PSJA Science Vertical Alignment Team Meeting**

**January 9, 2013**

1. Brief introductions [4:00 to 4:15]
2. Shared definitions of alignment (see “Understanding Alignment” handout) [4:15 to 4:45]

a. Vertical alignment

b. Horizontal alignment

1. Vision for our work: An aspirational [description](http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/description.html) of what an [organization](http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/organization.html) would like to [achieve](http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/achieve.html) or [accomplish](http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/accomplish.html) in the mid-term or [long-term](http://www.investorguide.com/definition/long-term.html) [future](http://www.investorwords.com/9809/future.html). It is intended to [serves](http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/serve.html) as a clear guide for choosing [current](http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/current.html) and future courses of action [4:45 to 5:00]
2. Action plan [5:00 to 5:30]
	1. Short-term goals
	2. Long-term goals
3. Creating shared understandings [5:30 to 6:00]
	1. STAAR, TEKS, and CCRS
	2. 2 year and 4 year course content