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The Department of Mathematics at Colorado State University - Pueblo has undertaken weekly meetings with all faculty that teach introductory and intermediate algebra. In these meetings, syllabi, scheduling of exams, content of exams and selection of textbooks are discussed. Initially, the agenda of the meetings addressed comparing exams. These conversations led to discussions of what concepts were being tested and how they were being tested. Reflection about how the textbook worded questions and notation that the text used became part of the process of aligning tests with the content. Last spring, the group examined textbooks by looking at the order of topics, presentation of examples and types of homework exercises. A book was adopted that offered on-line homework. Last, but not least, the question, Is it helping?, will be addressed. (Received September 20, 2007)