What are Standards, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessments

Standards
Learning standards describe educational objectives—what students should know and be able to do by the end of a course or grade level—but they do not describe any particular teaching practice, curriculum, or assessment.

Curriculum
Curriculum decisions are made at the local level by districts, schools, and teachers and lay out how students will master the standards and which materials—lesson plans, assignments, texts, and resources—will make the learning possible.

Assessments
Assessments are the wide variety of methods educators use to evaluate, measure, and document the academic readiness, learning progress, and skill acquisition of students.

Instruction
Teachers are responsible for adapting curriculum and providing instruction by identifying teaching practices that are effective for all students, since every student doesn’t learn and retain information in the same way.