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Curriculum and Assessment Updates - December

State Requirements for Graduation - Change

- Takes effect 2028, current 7th graders

Graduation Requirements: Course Classifications

| Present system: | New system: |
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| 4 units of English language arts | <p style="text-align: center;">Communications (4)</p> 3.5 units of ELA – reading, writing, literature, technical) .5 unit of Communications – speech, debate, forensics, journalism, public speaking |
| 3 units of history and government 1 unit of fine arts | <p style="text-align: center;">Society and Humanities (4) (No change)</p> 3 units of social studies – (World, US, government) 1 unit of fine arts – Music, dance, art, theater, etc. |
| 3 units of science 3 units of math | <p style="text-align: center;">STEM (7)</p> 3 units of math – algebraic and geometric concepts 3 units of science – physical, biological, earth/science 1 unit of STEM elective – computer science, advanced math, advanced science, robotics, advanced CTE, advanced technology, agriculture, etc. |
| 1 unit of physical education 6 units of electives | <p style="text-align: center;">Employability and Life Skills (6)</p> .5 unit of physical education .5 unit of health .5 unit of financial literacy 4.5 units of IPS choices – emphasis on CTE/Pathway courses |

Science Curriculum Committee

- Teachers 5-12 have chosen Science Dimension by HMH
- High School teachers have reworked offerings in the high school to better align with Kansas State Standards, NGSS Standards, CTE Pathways, and the new curriculum

Freshmen: Biology / Advanced Biology

Sophomores: Physics / Advanced Physics? (More math based-Must have passed Algebra I)

Juniors/Seniors: Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, Earth & Space, Engineering Design, AP Chemistry or AP Physics (Alternate years possibly), Medical Terminology (1st Semester) & Intro to Healthcare (2nd Semester)

ELA Curriculum

- ELA curriculum team invited to 2nd-semester meetings
- Obtaining ELA samples for teachers that follow Science of Reading and meet Dyslexia Requirements. ELA Core Curriculum must be structured literacy.
- The first meeting is Thursday, January 12.
- The State Department of education is beginning to tie structured literacy to accreditation this summer. Each district must have structured literacy for its ELA core.

Professional Development January 4 & 5

- Elementary will have day-long training from math curriculum companies, in person, on January 4
- January 5 will be a work day to prepare for the start of the new math curriculum on January 6!

Math Curriculum Update

- Overbrook teachers went to Appanoose elementary with the West Franklin School District to see Bridges in the classroom and collaborate with the teachers
- Curricula is beginning to arrive in the district!
- All supplemental supplies (rolling carts, storage, etc.) are arriving daily.
- IT department has uploaded all math apps to student iPads and Chromebooks
- Teachers will receive their new curriculum before leaving for winter break
- Math curriculum not being used will be collected on the last day of winter break

Assessment Update

- Fastbridge - schools are completing winter benchmark
- Interim - schools are completing winter interim or mini assessments for State Assessments in the spring.

Classroom Walkthroughs

- Three to four days a week, I spend time in buildings walking through classrooms and observing teachers, coaching teachers, modeling lessons, and providing support. This time also provides a picture of our needs and future goals. I see wonderful, effective teaching and I am getting to know all of the staff.