



Inspiring and Empowering Every Charger, Every Day!

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Learning Services Update - September 2024

Instructional Framework

- This school year, we are excited to implement an Instructional Framework that will enhance our teaching practices and support our instructional leaders. This framework is designed to guide teachers in creating effective and engaging learning experiences for our students. It provides a structured approach to planning, delivering, and assessing instruction, ensuring that all students have access to high-quality education. Instructional leaders will use this framework to coach and support teachers, fostering a collaborative environment where best practices are shared and instructional strategies are continuously refined. Our goal is to create a consistent and cohesive learning environment that promotes student success across all grade levels.

Instructional Playbook

- We're excited to introduce our new Instructional Playbook, designed to complement our Instructional Framework. Inspired by Jim Knight's work, this practical resource offers research-backed teaching strategies and best practices to enhance student learning. The playbook is user-friendly and adaptable, providing clear guidelines, examples, and tools for planning effective lessons. It also supports reflective practice, helping educators refine their approaches to maximize student engagement. We believe this playbook will empower our teachers and contribute to a culture of excellence in our schools.

Curriculum

- The new Savvas Social Studies curriculum has arrived, and our teachers now have it in their hands. On August 20, they participated in a "Getting Started" professional development session to become familiar with the curriculum and begin implementing it in their classrooms.

Professional Development - September 16

- Our next professional development day is on Monday, September 16. We're excited to host a Differentiated PD Day, offering 23 sessions throughout the day for staff to choose from.

Assessment Update

- The FastBridge Math Screener will be administered from September 3 to September 6, followed by the FastBridge Reading Screener from September 9 to September 13. Additionally, Mini Tests for KITE (State Assessment practice tests) will be available for teachers to build starting September 3.

Mentoring

- Our Highly Qualified Mentors met on the morning of September 4 to discuss key topics and strategies. The mentors also continued their work with the Instructional Framework, focusing on planning for the upcoming Professional Development Day on September 16. In the afternoon, they spent time in classrooms, conducting observations and providing coaching support to their mentees.