

Curriculum Director Update

May 6, 2015

Upcoming MTSS PD at Ingham ISD

Leveraging the Common Core State Standards to Close the Achievement Gap

May 21, 2015

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

(this session has been moved to Ingham ISD's campus)

This event will focus on closing the Achievement Gap using the Common Core State Standards. The event will be open to K-12 teachers, coaches, and administrators. There will be breakout sessions in the afternoon that allow each group to spend time thinking about their own grade level. Breakout sessions will tentatively include work time with Tim Kanold, Instructional Technology in math, and other topics of importance as determined by participants closer to the event. The next math PLC will be incorporated into this event!

To register, visit

<https://www.solutionwhere.com/WW/Aspx/Public/Search/ShowCourse.aspx?courseNum=301&cId=34&pCId=0>.

See PD topics, descriptions and flow chart
for 2015/16 offerings.

Topics may be added or deleted based
upon need.



Resources & Reminders

Literacy – Melanie Kahler

There are no significant activities scheduled in literacy for the rest of the school year. I am looking forward to Data Days as we get to celebrate the successes from all the hard work in reading and literacy for the past school year!!!

Here are a few resources that your teachers could use with adolescent learners to increase critical reasoning skills.

The first is **Seed Discussion**. It can be found on AdLit.org at <http://www.adlit.org/strategies/22737/>

Background - A Seed Discussion is a two-part strategy used to teach students how to engage in discussions about assigned readings. In the first part, students read selected text and identify "seeds" or key concepts of a passage which may need additional explanation. In the second part, students work in small groups to present their "seeds" to one another. Each "seed" should be thoroughly discussed before moving on to the next.

Benefits - Seed Discussions can be developed for a variety of subjects and reading levels. This strategy encourages students to have in-depth discussions of reading selections. Seed Discussions rely upon the use of higher order thinking as students identify and articulate the "seeds." This technique helps to build communication skills as the students discuss the "seeds" within the group.

The second is **Integrating Knowledge and Ideas Across Multiple Sources of Information**, which addresses Common Core Standards: RI.11-12 and RH.11-12 . It can also be found on AdLit.org. The URL is http://www.adlit.org/articles/watch_and_learn/55370/

Math – Tara Becker-Utess & Rob Stephenson

- If you are looking for resources for writing personal curriculum plans in Mathematics, including which essential standards should be covered, you can find that information here: <http://www.inghamisd.org/academic-services/mtss/personalcurriculum/>
- If you have high school teachers who want to start looking into how to prepare kids for the new SAT, here is a site just for Michigan: COLLEGEBOARD.ORG/MICHIGAN. Starting in June, there will be Khan Academy resources to use that will help teachers prepare for the new test.
- Here is a resource that breaks apart the new SAT including the four content areas. Like the MSTEP, there will be a non-calculator and calculator section:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HcaZxMkcH_2aZ8pZe2wJRkaz2bjjHiOpbqP7HeoLjFA/edit
- Here are sample questions: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BCWjwb-iv1WpgtpiNv9DYUudn69htJMbuWdLoPm-DyQ/edit>
- Here are sample questions for the non-calculator portion:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ji5xiccrCZ6uYu7KvDuHzZSNBSLrt-YhxZ6kG2dOFxA/edit>

Social Studies – Tara Becker-Utess

- The roll-out of the updated state standards has been cancelled for June 19th. The State Board of Education will not be taking up this issue until the fall. We will keep you all in the loop as to when the training will be rescheduled.



Other Professional Development

- **ASM MATERIALS CAMP® 2015** is providing a FREE one-week summer workshop for secondary science, math, and technology teachers. Participants will learn how to engage students using simple, low-cost experiments that can be integrated into existing lesson plans helping students discover career opportunities in science and engineering. This workshop is ideal for high school general science, chemistry, physics, math and technology teachers and middle school physical science teachers.
 - **Dates:** June 15 – 19, 2015 at MTU (Houghton) or July 13 – 17, 2015 at U of M (Ann Arbor)
 - **FREE:** 4 CEUs, materials, lunches & snacks. (**Note!** Housing is provided to out-of-town participants and those who live over 50 miles from the university.)
 - **Graduate credits available!** Two (2) graduate credits available (at participant's expense) through the University of Missouri-Kansas City at \$250. (This is optional.)
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QGM39KB> or visit www.asmfoundation.org.
 - **Questions?** Jeane Deatherage, Administrator of Foundation Programs (jeane.deatherage@asminternational.org or 1-800-336-5152, x5533)
- The Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics is preparing for their summer conference to be held on July 29th and 30th in Traverse City - <https://www.mictm.org/index.php/events-news/mctm-conference-a-institute>
- The **National Flipped Class Conference** will be held in East Lansing this year. This is a phenomenal conference for those thinking about flipping their classes or wanting to take their flipped classroom to the next level. <http://flippedlearning.org/domain/18>
- **Learning Environments for ALL Summer Institute** (June 15-18) is an effort from a larger initiative called Accessible Learning Environments. The Institute will be a TED-style conference followed by breakout session and one- and two-day offerings to go deeper into the topics from TED. Although they haven't posted the program, it appears that the math strand is strong: Kristin Frang on using tools strategically, Linda Funsch on building numeracy, Ann Bingham on differentiated integer instruction, and Mike Klavon on math RtI. Registration and more info is at <http://mi2.cenmi.org/professional-learning-opportunities>.
- There is a roll-out conference this summer for Granting Algebra 2 Credit through State Approved Engineering, Manufacturing and Industrial Technology programs (flyer was posted on the CD wiki). This conference will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort on August 17th from 8:20-3:00. The registration site is: <https://www.solutionwhere.com/Kresa/cw/showconference.asp?3034>
- MDE is searching for great Social Studies leaders within the region to write and review social studies assessment items. Reviewers will have meals provided, the option of sub reimbursement, 10-12 SCECHs (depending on time spent) or a personal financial stipend. Most importantly this collaborative process is excellent PD for both their classrooms and their staff. We have a great opportunity to empower our teacher leaders in social studies <http://www.cvent.com/Surveys/Questions/IDConfirm.aspx?s=06002a4e-c578-417d-807f-542787fad180>

Timelines / Due Dates

Benchmark of Quality – window open until May 8, 2015

Building Self-Assessment – window open until May 29, 2015



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