

Department of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

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Prior to the start of the school year, District employees are engaged in extensive planning and preparation to ensure that both students and staff are positioned for a successful school year.

August 2026 planning and preparation activities have included

SBE (Standards Based Education) Planning week, held August 3-6th. This week allows Principals, coaches, and teachers the opportunity to align curriculum to standards, finalize pacing guides, receive training, organize new curriculum materials, and develop instructional plans for the school year.

New Teacher Orientation Week, held August 10th-13th. New teachers received training and information regarding technology, business office Standard Operating Procedures, District Policies, BNAS and language, Trauma Informed & Restorative Practices, Mentoring, and toured the Community. New teachers also had the opportunity to work with Instructional Coaches, and begin preparing their classrooms.

New School Year Orientation days, August 17th-19th. Building level work, department meetings, professional development, and classroom prep time are a part of orientation days.

As the new Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment, in addition to participating in the activities outlined above, I have also been focused on the following

Curriculum

- supporting buildings with monitoring curriculum orders and acquiring or ordering additional materials as needed
- supporting K-1 in selecting and acquiring a handwriting curriculum
- completing training and securing access to digital platforms to support effective implementation
- updating the Adopted Curriculum document to reflect recent curriculum adoptions

Instruction

- providing guidance to district coaches in their work with new teachers
- supporting new teachers in understanding Instructional Frameworks and effectively utilizing their building Instructional Coaches
- planning professional development for UFLI and handwriting curricula
- planning professional development for Instructional Coaches

Assessment

- supporting building teams in the implementation of data folders
- participating in Aimsweb forums focused on updated math norms
- planning data team professional development
- screening incoming Little Learners and updating data-reporting documents