

Department of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

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In September the primary focus of the CIA department has been on ensuring that teachers and buildings have what they need. This includes getting student consumable materials where they need to be, working out the bugs of digital access to instructional platforms, distributing curriculum orders, and assigning proper individuals access to testing platforms for Fall benchmarking.

Curriculum

- Grades K-5 and Colonies (grades 1-8) are implementing a new math curriculum, Math and You.
- The Colonies and Grades 4-5 are implementing a new comprehensive core literacy curriculum, Benchmark Advance. K-3 began implementing the knowledge strand of this curriculum last school year.

Instruction

- District Reading Interventionists, Instructional Coaches, and I are signed up to participate in a Community of Practice focused on Dyslexia. This is a 5-session training offered by Montana Reads that includes topics focused on the characteristics of dyslexia, findings from neuroscience, assessment, phonological processing and orthographic systems, as well as instructional strategies and routines for working with dyslexic students.
- At least 1 of the 3 Little Learner teachers (to date) has signed up for a Community of Practice focused on Early Targeted Intervention. This is a 10-session training offered through OPI with topics that include; Early Literacy & the Science of Reading, Oral Language & Communication, Early Numeracy & Mathematical Thinking, Screening, Observation & Data-Informed Instruction.
- Math and You professional development is tentatively scheduled for November, I'm awaiting confirmation from the company representative.
- District Leadership Team members will participate in professional learning and planning around the development of literacy plans. This work began September 22nd.

Assessment

- Aimsweb Fall benchmarking, in both Math and Literacy, is underway district wide.
- Buildings are administering both screening and diagnostic literacy assessments in order to identify students who are at risk and plan appropriate interventions.
- Work has begun on updating elementary report cards.

Upcoming assessment dates:

PreACT

BHS Sept. 22-24

BHA Sept. 29-30

DECA/DESSA

Gr. LL-12 Oct. 5-27

District Writing Assessment

Gr. K-3 Oct. 19-23

Gr. 4-12 Oct. 19-Nov 6

MAST

Gr. 3-8 Oct. 19-Dec. 11