Curriculum Director Report January 23.2023

Algebra I

I met with Mr. McDonald and Mrs. Mayhall to discuss making Algebra I at the High School and Jr. High, more aligned with each other. The 1st thing is 8th grade is looking at the same book as the high school to see if that can be used. Mrs. Mayhall researched and found in that same series a textbook for grade 6-7 that is geared towards 8th graders taking Algebra. Some other options that we discussed were instead of taking Pre Algebra in 7th grade they would take Algebra I in both 7th and 8th grade. This would allow a slower pace for the Algebra, and still allow time to hit some of the standards in 7th and 8th. Another option would be for students that aren't in the Algebra I track to take Pre Algebra in 8th grade. This would allow them to be more prepared for Algebra I in high school. We will continue to explore these options with the Math Departments in both buildings.

Science

We had an overview of the Science Dimension curriculum. This is the one that many of our staff had rated the highest when we were looking at these series in 2019-20 and then Covid hit. I think that went well. I think it offers many of the things we are looking for. Mrs. Maxedon is going to do a unit from this series. There was a request made to do an overview of some other series. I am trying to get those scheduled. We still hope to have a decision before school gets out, so we can have a new

MAP Testing

Winter MAP testing is complete, except for a few make up. I am still reviewing the data.

State Testing

I have begun getting things ready for IAR testing. Mrs. Maxwell is handling the PSAT and SAT at the high school. Science testing information will be available in February, so I will be working on that soon as well.