

## Department of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

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### CURRICULUM

#### Follow-up Training for New Program Adoptions

During the month of January, BMS held follow-up curriculum training for the newly adopted Amplify Science program. The focused topics included; data-based decision making in science and curricula administrator's training. The trainings were provided by Amplify instructors and facilitated by Darcy Skunkcap, BMS science & mathematics instructional coach.

#### Amplify Science 6–8

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launch: Microbiome</li><li>• Metabolism</li><li>• Engineering Internship: Metabolism</li><li>• Traits and Reproduction</li><li>• Thermal Energy</li><li>• Ocean, Atmosphere, and Climate</li><li>• Weather Patterns</li><li>• Earth's Changing Climate</li><li>• Engineering Internship: Earth's Changing Climate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launch: Geology on Mars</li><li>• Plate Motion</li><li>• Engineering Internship: Plate Motion</li><li>• Rock Transformations</li><li>• Phase Change</li><li>• Engineering Internship: Phase Change</li><li>• Chemical Reactions</li><li>• Populations and Resources</li><li>• Matter and Energy in Ecosystems</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launch: Harnessing Human Energy</li><li>• Force and Motion</li><li>• Engineering Internship: Force and Motion</li><li>• Magnetic Fields</li><li>• Light Waves</li><li>• Earth, Moon, and Sun</li><li>• Natural Selection</li><li>• Engineering Internship: Natural Selection</li><li>• Evolutionary History</li></ul>



Also in January, McGraw-Hill is hosting an ELA StudySync training for new ELA teachers at BHS and the No Red Ink Team is continuing with the BHS writing implementation plan to provide training for all staff implementing writing across content areas.

#### January 17, 2022-BPS PIR Day (staff development & recording keeping day)

Staff across the district participated in the January Pupil Instruction-Related (PIR) day on January 17th with professional development being provided on several topics. KVV and BHS scheduled a culture and wellness learning session, BES's topics included wellness, team building, and reading intervention while Napi, Babb, and BMS held Step Up to Writing Implementation Training for all staff. Big Sky and Glendale Schools conducted record keeping, second semester planning, and a virtual staff meeting.

### INSTRUCTION

**Instructional Consultants for ELA and mathematics**

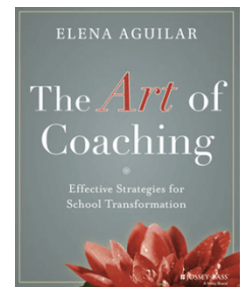


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Instructional consultants from Side-by-Side Educational Consulting, Transformative Teaching Group, Strive, and Custom Educational Consulting continue to meet monthly with schools across the district to support MTSS implementation, new program adoptions in ELA and mathematics, as well as support literacy initiatives at the building level. Browning Public Schools is in year three of the Montana Comprehensive Literacy State Development Program (MCLSDP) a grant funded program to support family literacy, social-emotional development, as well as high-quality reading instruction and intervention development over five years.

## On-going Instructional Coach's Team Training to Support Teachers

Instructional Coach's across the district are participating in a winter series of trainings that include; creating high-impact professional development, instructional coaching to build collective teacher efficacy, the art of coaching teacher emotions, as well as building and coaching instructional teams.



## ASSESSMENT

### Winter Benchmarking and Writing Assessment

The Aimsweb Winter Benchmarking window is January 10th-28th for all students in K-10th grade for ELA and mathematics. Benchmarking assessments provide teachers with critical information about the projected expectation of a student meeting grade-level standards, as well as the ability to determine fall to winter growth for literacy and math skills. The winter writing assessment will be held the week of January 31st and teachers will complete the winter DESSA (SEL screener) for all BPS students the first week of February.

### Statewide Assessment Windows

Montana Office of Public Instruction  
Published Test Windows for All Required Statewide Assessments  
2021-2022 School Year

Assessment Name	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	Alternate Science	Science	Multi-State Alternate	Smarter Balanced	ACT with Writing
Required Subjects	English Language Proficiency (ELP)	Science	Science	Math and ELA	Math and ELA	Math, ELA, and Science
Student Group	English learners	SwSCDs	General	SwSCDs	General	General
Grades Tested	K-12	Grades 5, 8, 11	Grades 5, 8	Grades 3-8, 11	Grades 3-8	Grade 11
Window Period	12 weeks	7 weeks	12 weeks	7 weeks	12 weeks	3 Opportunities
Test Window	Dec 2 - Feb 25	Mar 14 - Apr 29	Mar 7 - May 27	Mar 14 - Apr 29	Mar 7 - May 27	Date 1: March 29 Date 2: April 12 Date 3: April 26