

Curriculum-Literacy Report **November 2020**

Curriculum Reviews and Course Descriptions

Mr. Becker has created a new curriculum review schedule that meets the needs of Board Policy and incorporates all subject areas. Ms. Page has uploaded this revised document to the SISD curriculum page.

Teachers have been provided a template and instructions for the creation of elective courses. Beginning with second semester all elective courses taught will require a course description. The creation of Course Descriptions for the four core areas (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies) is ongoing and will continue for several more months.

Classroom Observations

The Literacy Coach has completed classroom observations at all on-island schools, with the exception of Howard Valentine. Most teachers are doing an adequate job of instructing print concepts, phonemic awareness, and phonics. Development of fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary have more room for growth.

iReady

Mr. Becker and Mr. Gore met with representatives from iReady to confirm software and network needs. Mr. Becker and Mr. Gore have been provided administrator access to the platform, and teacher and student accounts will be created soon. Teachers will undergo training in December on how to use the platform and students will begin using it in February. The delay until February is a result of the remote start after Christmas break as well as the semester ending in January.

CLSD Fall Convening

Mr. Becker attended the Virtual Fall Convening on October 28th. This meeting was organized by the Department of Education and Early Development and hosted by Grant Specialist Hollins Emili. Topics included updating the district plan and creating a project workbook. One area that was emphasized was the need for soliciting input from parents and how to do this in a socially-distanced environment where traditional "Parent Nights" and other gatherings are not possible.