

Curriculum Director Report

Testing Update

The ISBE has resolved the protest over the awarding of the 3-8 testing by going back to Pearson for a 1 year deal. The good news is that they have reduced the number of tests from 7 to 5. In reality this is the best solution as we don't have to learn a new platform. The bad news is Lincoln School got randomly chosen to do a field test for ELA. So Lincoln will be doing 3 ELA and 3 Math. Pana Jr. High will be doing 3 Math and 2 ELA.

High School SAT Preparation

Next week they will begin SAT prep at the high school. They are going back to a similar prep that they did for ACT. Mr. Strom met with the teachers doing the prep on January 16th. The Juniors are being divided into 5 groups and they will spend 2 weeks in each session. They will meet 3 times during study hall for 10 weeks.

Lincoln and Jr. High IAR Prep

On January 16th Lincoln and Jr. High staff reviewed MAP and PARCC data to review needs of students for IAR (PARCC). They will use Khan Academy, Study Island, and Freckle to help address the students weaknesses. On Fridays the 3rd grade instead of a regular math class will be doing IAR (PARCC) prep. Teachers are also giving PARCC like as bell work.

Math Textbook

My Math came in and did a presentation on January 23rd. It was beneficial as some of our teachers were not aware of all of the resources available. Teachers also got to see the 2018 version. One of the biggest improvements is the Data Dashboard. Teachers are able to monitor students progress on each of the standards. In addition inserting math manipulatives into the lesson is now much easier on the online teacher edition.

MAP Testing

We have completed the Winter MAP testing. Overall the testing went well. I am looking at the data to see the impact the new reading series and switching to Go Math at Washington have had on our MAP scores.