

## **September 7, 2024 Curriculum Report**

**To:** LPSD School Board Members and Superintendent Kasie Luke

**From:** Nicole Metzgar

### **Professional Development**

#### **Aug 21-27 New Hire Induction:** [LINK To Schedule](#)

- Because feedback from New Hires emphasized the importance of getting to sites early, we shortened our in-person training time in Anchorage.
- Virtual New Hire Training continued once teachers were at their school sites. We tried to have the training sessions finished before lunch to give teachers the afternoons to process information and get comfortable in their new schools.

#### **Aug 28-30 & Sept 3 Back to School Virtual Inservice for Teachers:** [LINK TO Schedule](#)

- To encourage teacher friendships and human connections across the district, there was daily scheduled time for LPSD colleagues to connect in small groups of 3-4 via zoom breakout room for the first 15 min of virtual training.
- Because there is a limit to the number of hours in one day a person is capable of learning via zoom, we intentionally scheduled time for sites to work off zoom and offline.
- 30 min of wellness time was added to the one hour lunch break to promote and encourage time for teacher wellness (EG: call a friend, take a nap, take a walk, meditation, ect.)

**Aug 31 Teacher Work Day:** Teachers did a variety of different things to prepare for welcoming students on September 4th.

**September Inservice Days:** [LINK to Schedule](#) Monday Inservice days are set for September 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Even though students will be attending school 4 days a week for the first few weeks of school, LPSD sees value in these Inservice days. We believe these beginning-of-the-school-year Monday inservice days positively affect student learning and achievement.

**Weekly PLC's:** LPSD will continue weekly PLC's for teachers on Wednesday's from 2:30-4PM. Ms. Moon McCarley is leading the PLC's again this year.

**Oct 16-18 & 21:** Planning for October Inservice is in progress.

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**Local Indigenous Language Learning:** LPSD is excited to have the BIA Living Language Grant provide Dena'ina and Yup'ik language learning to LPSD schools for both fall and spring semesters. They are working hard to offer Alutiiq language learning too, and are enthusiastic about it being taught in the near future.

**AI in LPSD:** Marli Manning was compensated this summer through grant funding to create lessons and teach LPSD teachers about AI. She will lead teachers in 3 sessions of AI training. The first was during August Inservice and the 2nd and 3rd during September Inservice Days. Teachers will also learn about and be able to use the AI units of study she created to teach to students. [AI Acceptable Use Guidelines](#) are introduced and explained in the lessons for students. If the board is interested in adopting an AI Policy, we encourage you to consider these guidelines written by LPSD teachers last semester.

**Science 11 & Technology Standards:** Updated standards are ready for students to start learning this year. Science 11 is the study of Earth and Space.

**Admin Collaboration:** Collaboration continued in August & September to keep our work efficient and effective. [LPSD's Highest Priority to Begin the New School Year](#) is an example of the work the admin is collaborating on.

**End of Level Assessment Edits:** Edits reported by teachers during the 2023-2024 school year are planned to be finished in October or November.

**Textbook Orders:** Textbook orders were finalized during August Inservice. All have been purchased and are beginning to show up at sites.

**SBS Booklet Updates:** SBS Booklet updates were made in August. New editions were printed and mailed out to site. Included in the updates is a list of Monthly Place Based Learning Cultural Themes that the Cultural Curriculum Committee collaborated on last spring. [2024-2025 SBS Digital Link](#).

**Wiki Updates** As of right now, we will no longer use the wiki and teachers are sharing resources via google drive. We are waiting for direction from the IT department on a good way for teachers to share digital resources.

**Advanced Online Classes:** 10 students have applied to take 15 advanced online courses for the fall 2024 semester.

**CTE for HS Credit:** Last year, 50 CTE HS credits were awarded to 42 high school students from 11 LPSD sites—including Lake View Home School. Curriculum helps determine which credit amount and type the courses align with.

**Experiencing Out:** None at this time. Teachers were trained during August Inservice about LPSD's Experiencing Out opportunity.

**Transfer Students:** Curriculum helped place 8 transfer students into appropriate LSPD levels so far this year.

It is a pleasure to serve the district. Please let me know how I can help. Quyana. Chin'an.  
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