

**May Board Report
Ozona Middle School**

Curriculum and Instruction

We are working on preparation for the retesting of 8th grade STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) in reading and math, as well as, the End of Course STAAR for our Algebra students. Our 8th graders will retest the week of May 13th, and then we will then finish out the year focusing on the remaining TEKS in our scope and sequence for all grades.

In preparation for next year, our professional development will include vertical alignment meetings with the core subject areas in grades 2-12. The vertical teams will complete a CNA (Comprehensive Needs Assessment) based on data from the 2012-2013 school year. This will help us to make instructional decisions for the 2013-2014 school year. We will also have a released STAAR this fall, so we will be able to use that information for our vertical alignment.

Instructional Rounds is a natural extension of the work we are currently doing in the areas of instruction and assessment. Our CIA notebooks show the thread from curriculum (C Scope) to instructional methods to assessment of student performance. Instructional Rounds looks at the instructional core, the relationship between teacher, student, and content as these three elements drive the tasks that students are charged with completing. Our CNA will give us a “problem of practice” or an area to focus on for improvement of instruction to improve student performance. Once we have the data in from the testing, data from our CIA notebooks, and a released test to analyze, then we will be able to move forward with instructional goals for next year to improve student performance.

School Improvement

We are continuing to work through our school improvement plans: data analysis, focused instruction, and student-centered instruction. We are continuing to benchmark and analyze student data to target areas of needed improvement. Our next round of reporting will be in June when we analyze and report on testing data. Mr. Byrd has asked us to focus our efforts on maximizing every minute that we can in these last weeks to help students improve in not only their skill sets for testing areas, but also strategies and vocabulary. Our instructional coaches have completed work with teachers for this year. We will incorporate our vertical alignment work and instructional rounds in our school improvement efforts for the 2013-2014 school year.

Homework House-Extended Day, Summer School

We are going to use our Homework House time from now until testing time for both homework completion and test prep. We have some students that have made great strides this year, and hopefully, we can continue to make improvements in student performance between now and testing. We are also looking ahead to Summer School. The STAAR has a “phase-in” standard, and if our students don’t make the set standard for this year, then we have concerns about them making the higher one for next year, so we are making plans for a summer school program to address students in 6-8 that will need to have significant improvement to meet the standards for the 2013-2014 school year.

Extra-Curricular Activities

National Teacher Appreciation Week was a HUGE success. Parents from each grade level brought treats for the teachers last week. We have lots of exciting trips planned for May. Each grade level has field trips planned. Tennis is in full “swing” at OMS. We are planning our annual Spring Fling for the last day of school.

Enrollment – 160

6th – 51

7th – 49

8th – 60

Attendance is 95.69% for the year to date as of 05/03/2013.