

Curriculum Director Report September 20, 2021

Math Update

We are looking at some data to determine the root cause (s) of some of our weaknesses in math. Our focus is in trying to figure out why students are missing questions. For the SAT we are able to look at the questions and see student responses, to help us determine why students are missing questions. We aren't able to see the questions for IAR, and are waiting for more detailed reports. Next up teachers will be completing a rubric on the math curriculum.

ESSA Grants

We are waiting on ISBE to approve the ESSA Grants (Title). Delay was getting the information from Faith Bible School. Hopefully we will get final approval for those grants soon. Thus no grant report this month.

Covid Update

As of 9/16 we have had 65 positive students and 8 staff members. Last year during this same week we had averaged 39 students out per day. On Thursday we were at 68. The only close contact quarantine are siblings. So the 68 are out are positives, family quarentinnes (mom dad positive) or the student has symptoms. If we were under last year's rules then we would have around 200 students being out. Last year we saw a big increase in cases in late October and into November. Hopefully this is our peak and we start to see numbers go down. It seems to be hitting more members of the family. The mom test positive, then the dad, and a few days later the children are. The concern is that it can cause students to miss more time.

Testing

Beginning next week all employees who are not vaccinated will have to be tested weekly. I tried to order more BINAXNOW tests, and it got rejected. We are not supposed to use these tests for the weekly screening. I am going to try and get more tests. Mr. Bauer was able to get 100 from the Health Department. Staff also have the option of getting tested on their own. There is a company that would do the testing for us. It's free for employers and employees, as they bill the insurance companies. Egyptian Trust has raised the concern about these weekly tests driving up future premiums. I have also looked into the Shield Test. It is a 6-8 week process. I signed up to do a webinar, and I haven't received any information back.