

Curriculum Director Report April 26, 2021

Chromebooks

The High School and Jr. High chromebooks for next year have arrived. When we ordered them we were told it could be July before we got them. The Kindergarten and 5th grade have not been delivered.. We will have to store them, but that is a better problem to have then not having them to start the school year.

Testing

We have completed the following testing:

<u>High School</u>	<u>Jr. High</u>	<u>Lincoln</u>
SAT 11th grade	IAR Math	IAR Math
Science 11th grade	IAR ELA	IAR Lincoln

5th and 8th grade are completing the 3 tests for science this week.

For the most part our students put forth a good effort. We expect with the pandemic affecting our education the last 14 months, that the results will be down in some areas. That being said we need to give our students more exposure to the same types of problems that we see on the test.

Curriculum Goals for Next Year

Science: Last year we started looking at the K-8 science curriculum when the pandemic hit. We will need to start the process all over again. We will also need to look at the data from the Science Assessment to look for areas of weakness. This is the 1st year of the new Science Assessment. Students are asked to explain data on the assessments in writing, so need to look at how we are teaching these skills. With the new assessment, we need to have some K-12 discussions on how we are covering these standards.

Math- We need to evaluate our K-12 math curriculum to determine if what we are using is meeting our needs. Do we look for a new curriculum, or do we look for supplemental pieces? We are going to have some discussion about how we are teaching the standards, and how we can improve our math instruction.

Writing- We need consistency in how we are teaching writing across all grade levels. It's just not the writing process that is an issue, students have to be able to evaluate, reason, and explain how they are doing things. These are higher level thinking skills. We need to be writing in all subjects. For example we are doing several wonderful STEM activities, but now we need to add writing to these.

Reading- We are finishing up our 3rd year of our K-5 Reading series. We need to be having conversations across grade levels to talk about what is working with the new series, and what isn't.