

MSAD 11 Curriculum Connections

MEET YOUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM

My name is Angela Hardy. I'm very pleased to be working in MSAD 11 and I'm looking forward to getting to know you as we move into this school year.

I come to the district with experience in public education, higher education, and the education non-profit arena. I've been:

- a K-8 classroom teacher;
- a principal;
- a co- director of secondary teacher education; and,
- a director of school coaching.

I live in China, ME with my husband and two children.

INTRODUCING THE CURRICULUM CYCLE OF REVIEW

A 5 YEAR PROPOSED PROCESS LAUNCHING THIS FALL

The cycle is intended to build upon strong practices already implemented in buildings across our district and collaboratively define a K-12 vertical sequence of shared expectations for student learning. The MSAD 11 Education Plan, which was developed in 2013, asks us to ensure that all of our learners are afforded a standards-based curriculum that utilizes research-based best practices and enables individualized, rigorous, and relevant learning experiences.

We will start the process by engaging a team of educators from across the district around the two content areas where we have the most data about student learning, ELA and math. I am asking that faculty from each building review the scope and boundaries of the committee and vote in an educator who will actively participate and support a process of open and ongoing communication between the committee members and district staff. All committee members shall be selected before September 25. Please read about the committee responsibilities here or with this url (<https://tinyurl.com/y8u3bdvb>).

CURRICULUM CYCLE OF REVIEW	2018-19	2019-20	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
PLAN Establish vertical content committee to audit curriculum + plan or revise	ELA MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES PE/HEALTH	ARTS WORLD LANGUAGE	ELA
LEARN + REFINE Faculty engage in professional learning and implement units and provide feedback. Committee uses feedback and data to adjust, if necessary.	SCIENCE, K-5* MATH*	ELA MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES PE/HEALTH	ARTS WORLD LANGUAGE
FULLY IMPLEMENT Updated curriculum is implemented by faculty. Ongoing professional learning is offered to ensure consistency in student learning outcomes.			ELA MATH	ELA MATH SCIENCE	SCIENCE SOCIAL STUDIES PE/HEALTH

AUGUST +
SEPTEMBER

AN AUDIT OF OUR CURRICULAR RESOURCES: WHAT'S NEW? WHAT HAS BEEN RENEWED?

My Math	Grades K-5 refreshed
Glencoe Math	Grades 6-8 launched
Number Worlds	Special Education, grades 6-8 pilot
Math: Moby Max	District license
Math: IXL	Title I staff
Literacy: Lexia	K-3 staff
Read 180/System 44	Renewing

Reading A-Z	K-5 supplemental resource
StemScopes	K-5 science
PLATO	High school renewal

The former Director of Curriculum arranged for most of these renewals or extensions. We are in the process of ensuring access to these on-line resources and supporting their use with professional learning opportunities. Stay tuned.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

If you want to know what kinds of professional learning experiences are happening across the district as they relate to curriculum and instruction, feel free to check out **this calendar** or copy this url for access (<https://tinyurl.com/y8k5ouxk>). It is a live document in Google. Please know that it will be updated regularly.

We are no longer supporting the on-line platform, Edviate/PD 360. Data indicated that it was not an effective means of offering just-in-time professional learning supports. We will increase our in-district PD for all staff and seek an alternate on-line platform this year.

“[W]e must remember that standards are only words on paper if they don’t inspire stellar instruction in the classroom.” Amber Northern and Michael Petrilli

UPCOMING DATES GRMSMATH TRAINING

8.27.18 from 10 am - 1 pm

11.02.18 from 11:45 am - 2:15 pm

02.15.18 from 11:45 am - 2:15 pm

DRA TRAINING, K-3

8.28.18 for 2.5 hours;
building-based and peer-led

K-5 STEMSCOPES TRAINING

Access to STEMscopes licenses will begin this month. PD will launch on October 5 with ongoing support for planning and implementation.

MEET OUR NEW INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

Lindsey Bickford has joined MSAD 11 as an Instructional Coach. While she will spend much of her time in the K-5 buildings, Lindsey will become a familiar face to all of us. We are thrilled to have her!

Formerly from MSAD 3, Lindsey comes to us with a strong background in K-8 mathematics instruction, classroom management practices, and instructional design. She has been an active member of Maine Mathematics Coaching Project sponsored by the University of Maine at Farmington.

Lindsey will be visiting with staff and in classrooms over the next few weeks.