

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. August Workshops-New Teacher Induction Program

For the New Teacher Induction Program, four new teachers participated. Throughout the 2-day workshop, the new teachers were provided with a variety of presentations as listed below.

- a. curricular orientation
- b. in-service on the Talented and Gifted Program
- c. technology presentation by Charles Kapachinski
- d. meeting with Dr. Cull
- e. Character Counts presentation by Alva Kreutzer

II. October 22nd Teacher Workshop Day

The Teacher Workshop Day on October 22nd will be focused on three areas: analysis of test data, application of software/Internet sites, and meeting the needs of talented and gifted students through differentiating instruction within the classroom.

Benson Primary School

A full day workshop on data analysis of test results will be conducted. The presenter is Bob Gerry (testing consultant).

Franzen Intermediate School

- A. Guiding Reading Instruction
District #10 staff members will provide leadership in the Guided Reading instructional process. The presenters are trained in guided reading with the use of leveled books.
- B. Use of Software
A software program, Read Naturally, has been purchased for the purpose of assisting in the instruction of reading. The entire staff will be trained in the use and application of all aspects of this program.

Peacock Middle School

- A. A full day workshop will be devoted to further development of the Talented and Gifted Program. Cindy Strickland (national presenter on TAG) will provide a presentation on differentiation of instruction to meet the needs of talented and gifted students within the regular classroom.
- B. Language arts teachers will also be involved in further training on an Internet site designed to provide enrichment of the curriculum for TAG students. The web site is entitled, "tcr connections".

III. District Advisory Committee (DAC)

At the initial DAC meeting, committee members met to confirm the workshops chosen for this school year. The focus of staff development during the current school year will be on the following areas:

- a. Guided reading process at the intermediate grade levels.
- b. Continued emphasis on the further improvement of the district's Talented and Gifted Program.
- c. Internal Review (analysis of test scores and correlation to the curriculum)
- d. Writing Process for grade levels kindergarten through eighth.

The major focus of each DAC meeting will be to review, revise and received updates on components within the Technology Plan.

IV. Talented and Gifted Program

At the beginning of the school year, all certified teachers received a description of the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG), as well as a list of their TAG students.

Principals are beginning to identify teachers who will be attending a conference on gifted education offered annually in Chicago. The Illinois Association for Gifted Children organizes the event.

Dr. Cull has continued the emphasis of staff members effectively communicating components of the TAG program to parents. At Open House again this fall, teachers will be discussing the TAG program. The District #10 TAG brochure will also be distributed.