

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. August Workshops-New Teacher Induction Program

For the New Teacher Induction Program, nine 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 Cindy DeLuca

II. October 21st Teacher Workshop Day

The Teacher Workshop Day on October 21st will be focused on three areas: analysis and application of frameworks, training in the "6+1 Traits of Writing" instructional process, and additional in-service at the middle school level on the Student Management System (electronic Report Cards).

III. District Advisory Committee (DAC)

At the initial DAC meeting, committee members will 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. Understanding and application of the ISBE frameworks.
- 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 receive 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. Analysis of the student qualifications continues to be monitored and analyzed.

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 within each building again this fall, teachers have been discussing the TAG program.