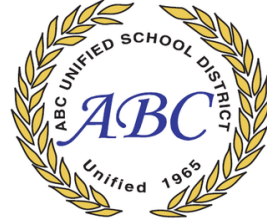


November 2020 - FOCUS ON LEARNING

ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT



These reports are created by ABCFT PAL Liaisons and Academic Service Supervisors. Each month these teams get together to provide the most up to date information on Academic Service developments. These notes provide helpful information for all classroom/program teachers. In addition, this collaborative effort allows ABCFT Liaisons and ABCFT members to advocate for their students directly with District Supervisors to create improved curriculum delivery.



Academic Services Update - Special Education:

- ❖ In-person assessment materials are available at sites. Please see the November Site Team presentation for details about the process
- ❖ SPED PL is coming to our Wednesday PL trainings. If there is a topic you are interested in complete the form [SPED PL Survey](#)

For Special Education issues please email Stefani at stefani.palutzke@abcusd.us if you have any questions or concerns.

Academic Services Update - Elementary:

- ❖ **District PD for History/Social Science:** Two Wednesdays (10/28 & 11/04) are dedicated to Savvas: My World and McGraw-Hill: Impact publishers presenting their product.
 - Both digital platforms are currently open and accessible to all teachers. Kits are available at each site (one per grade level) for hands-on access.
 - Following a review of both products, schoolwide conversations will take place as well as vote for which product is desired for adoption. One vote per site and the majority will decide on the choice.
 - The public will have access to review of materials for 30 days in February and early March
 - Board will make a final decision/vote in late March or early April.
- ❖ **Health Curriculum** adoption for K-12 is necessary and will be addressed in 2021 with the expectation of adoption in 2022. (currently on hold at the state level)
- ❖ **Benchmark Testing:** First-trimester testing window is November 2-19 for STAR Math and Reading (1st-6th Grade) with the Renaissance Learning website.
 - Reminder: Traditional benchmark assessments (Illuminate) has been changed to progress monitoring with the STAR Math and Reading assessments.
- ❖ **GATE:** Teacher Certification has been suspended for 2020/21. Any candidates that were in the process of completing the day 3 requirement will be offered that session in early 2021 school year to receive their certification.
 - GATE instruction should still be provided for previously identified GATE students.
- ❖ **Elementary Coaches** are available for help during office hours and by appointment. [Click here for coaches' support](#)

- ❖ **Reminder:** Teacher resources in the ABC USD Elementary Teacher Resources file
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Cenc4z84ylR0YNRhDeP3f6kKUjT1Jvny?usp=sharing>
 - Use your abcusd.us account.

Elementary Academic Services Resource link

Please email Kelley at Kelley.Forsythe@abcusd.us if you have any questions or concerns.

Academic Services Update - Secondary:

❖ **Professional Learning:**

- Wednesday 8:30-9:30AM “Menu” Options are continuing for the foreseeable future. Remember to refresh your screen in case any Meet/Zoom Links have been updated. New offerings include TUPE Training for 7-9 PE , The Four Cs+1 In Revolutionary History Through Games for U.S. History, College Board Resources and Q&A for A.P., District secondary band collaborative, Integrated ELD: High-Leverage Strategies for Online Instruction, The Reclassification process for Special Education Students and Google Meet: Breakout Rooms.
- There is a link for any teacher who has trouble logging in that is available from 8:15-8:45AM. There are also OPTIONAL Support Rooms available at 2PM for follow-up questions, including tech support, as well as to suggest additional workshop topics.
- NOTE: If you are having difficulties getting into a session or finding a session, please go to the support room. Since everyone is doing training, email will not be responded to until after and it does not count for your attendance to wait an extended period of time to be let into a session.
- Hybrid Decision will determine P.L. going forward, which is why P.L. was cancelled on October 28th & replaced with Department Collaboration Time
- More social emotional support trainings for December.

❖ **Middle & *High School Positive PreventionPlus:**

- Since LACOE is not ready to provide the required training, this curriculum will not be implemented by our Middle & H.S. Health Teachers until the Spring Semester.
- If possible, a “Kennan-style” style training will be used to pay affected teachers hourly to train themselves at their own pace.
- *District is also exploring an online option for high school students who need to make-up this curriculum. However, some high school teachers may need to be trained as well.

❖ **World Language Adoption:**

- New curriculum is being selected this year for adoption next year.
- Wednesday P.L. includes a session “New WL Frameworks & Textbook Adoption” that all WL Teachers are encouraged to attend. To have time to cover everything, a morning session followed by an afternoon session is offered.
- There will soon be a call for department representation to serve on the textbook adoption committee that will be paid hourly for after school work.

❖ **Social Science, Science, Math & ELA:**

- All pacing guides are being adjusted to accommodate the current virtual learning schedule and environment. Each department has been asked to provide a representative in this process.

- Social Science teachers meeting Monday, Nov. 9th @3PM to continue process

❖ **Dual Enrollment:**

- On Oct. 14th, the Dual Enrollment Committee of admin & ABCFT met to work collaboratively to determine what courses would be offered at high schools for the Spring Semester. After hearing our concerns about hiring ABC Teachers for these courses, the chair of the English Department stated that "I sincerely appreciate my K-12 Colleagues and would like to have you teach the class". We will continue to encourage collaboration as we meet the needs of our teachers & students.
- Whitney Team met Wednesday, Nov. 4th @3PM to determine the recruitment process for their Early College Program planned for the Fall 2021.
- On Nov. 16th @3PM, the Dual Enrollment Committee will again meet to determine our course offerings for Summer.

- ❖ **Edmentum:** Review [application here](#). Please note that this is different than site edmentum leads. Application due January 11th, 2021. Please contact Bryan Glonchak if you have any questions.

- ❖ **Google Classroom Codes** are used to provide you with curriculum updates (note: codes are for both middle and high school)

ELA- u0gkzbs History- ky1o36 Math- cxjrgh Science- 96ambir Read 180- xgv5w0

Resources are available for each of the subject areas shown above. You may also contact the district curricular coaches: ELA & History- Audrey Rios, Math-Lena Bradshaw, Science-Lora Ayala and Read 180-Bryan Glonchak.

Please email Rich at Richard.Saldana@abcusd.us if you have any questions or concerns.



[Link to ABCFT Master Contract](#)

HOTLINKS- Contact ABCFT at ABC Federation of Teachers abcft@abcusd.us

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