

Professional Development Sessions 2018-2019 School Year

August 22, 2018 [6 hours: Assessment Strategies]

- [Elementary/AM] Elementary Teachers will begin their day with a presentation from the PBIS committee. This will be followed by an overview of writing strategies. [All buildings]
- [MS AM] Middle School staff will spend the morning in team building activities as well as setting the groundwork for common goals for the school year.
- [HS AM] High School will data mine in new College Board data and spend time in their school improvement groups.
- [All – PM] Staff will learn to implement the NWEA assessment via online professional learning from NWEA then meet as building staffs to plan implementation.

August 23, 2018 [1 Hour: School Improvement Planning]

- Mr. Rice will present an update on school and district school improvement planning, goals, and results. [Owen Bray]

August 24, 2018 - New Teacher Boot Camp [7 hours: Cultural Awareness]

- Teachers new to the district will receive an extensive orientation on our site, our culture, our community's culture, ethics, policy, and technology. [All buildings]

October 23, 2018 - Illuminate Reports [1 hour: Using Data to Inform Instruction]

- During this one-hour hands-on event, teachers will work to build a report in Illuminate DNA using data from multiple sources such as NWEA and DIBELS or NWEA and SAT. ***This is highly recommended for school improvement chairs.*** [A202]

October 30, 2018 - New Teacher Roundtable – Building Instructional Skills [1 hour: Using Data to Adjust Instruction]

- Mentors will share expertise and ideas on specific areas of the 5D+ Evaluation and the Evaluation Cycle. [ES Library]

November 13, 2018 - Classroom Management Work Group [1 hour (Initial Meeting; additional hours added): Responding to Inappropriate student behavior] –

- Teachers using CEC as their growth edge will meet to see tools that may assist in goal setting in this area as well as an orientation to programs and resources supported by the district. Teachers will be able to sign up for additional individual, goal-based sessions with the curriculum director or a mentor as follow up which will also count toward their professional development total. [MS Library]

November 14, 2018 - Responding to Escalating and Extreme Behavior [1 hour: Responding to Inappropriate student behavior]

- CPI trainers from the behavior team at the Van Buren ISD will be here to provide an overview on recognizing escalating angry or violent behavior, de-escalating situations, and the rules and procedures related to seclusion and restraint. (This is a whole staff Collaborative meeting for the Elementary but open for all professional, support and ancillary staff). [ES Library]

November 28, 2018 - New Teachers Roundtable – Tough Situations [1 hour: Engaging and Motivating Students]

- For our annual “speed mentoring” experience, new teacher should come prepared with a scenario or situation which may not have a clear solution. Mentors will work together to provide support from a variety of perspectives. [ES Library]

December 6, 2018 - Student Use of Formative Instruction [1 hour: Assessment Strategies]

- 5D+ Indicator 4.A.2 “Student use of formative assessments over time” is the lowest overall score for our district on the 5D+ Rubric. At this event we will hear from colleagues who have implemented strategies in this area and work to develop ideas using both classroom experiences and available writing on formative instruction. [Distance Learning]

January 3, 2019 - Using Interactive Projectors [1 hour: Integrating Technology into Instruction]

- In this hands-on sessions colleagues will work together to share ideas to use our interactive projectors with different age/grade levels as well as to calibrate as needed. [TBA]

January 16, 2019 - NWEA Growth [1 hour: Using Data to Adjust Instruction]

- This is a hands-on, collaborative session in which staff will examine their own growth reports from NWEA to consider student progress. [ES Library] – This date may need to be changed based on availability of data.

January 23, 2019 - New Teacher Roundtable: Parents [1 hour: Cultural Awareness]

- In this session we will work on parent relations skills including difficult conversations. Mentors and parents alike will be on hand to share their tips. [ES Library]

February 14, 2019 - Full Staff Professional Development: CNA/School Safety [3 hours: School Improvement]

- Teachers and other school improvement team member will work together to build comprehensive needs assessment on the district and school levels. Additionally, any urgent and new school safety procedures or information will be shared.

February 20, 2019 - New Teacher Roundtable: 5D+ Rubric [1 hour: Using Data to Inform Instruction] [ES Library]

- The unconference will be used to work toward observables and understanding of the 5D+ rubric in cooperation with mentors. ***This session is available to all staff.*** [ES Library]

February 26, 2018 - Curriculum Council: [1 hour: School Improvement Planning]

- District and school improvement chairs as well as members of the administration will review curriculum and textbook proposals for the 2019-2020 year. Additionally, they will review school and district improvement initiatives. Chairs should bring data related to their initiative to this meeting and should send a committee member if they are unavailable. [ES Library]

March 20, 2019 - New Teacher Roundtable: Year 1 Only [1 hour: Assessment Strategies]

- Teachers new to standardized testing will learn the basics of standardized testing. ***This session is available to all staff.*** [Distance Learning]

May 3, 2019 - School Improvement Planning Day.

- This day is set aside for school level school improvement activities including the writing of 2019-2020 School Improvement Plans. **A copy of 2018-2019 Professional Development Records should be submitted on this date.**
[HS Café]

May 15, 2019 - New Teacher Roundtable: TBA [1 hour: TBA] [ES Library]

May 29, 2019 - Annual Mentor Meeting.

- Mentors will meet to review the New Teacher Induction program and determine our resources and direction for the 2019-2020 school year. [ES Library]