

Curriculum Connection

Important Dates	
Fall Break	10/5/20
End of Quarter 1	10/9/20
Scantron Bundle 2	10/12 – 10/23/20

Secondary: Middle School & High School

October 2, 2020

Balanced Math Block

DMR

- First 10 minutes of your math lesson.
- Skills should be review from the previous grade level.
- Each DMR should have 3-5 problems only.
- Test can be given every 5 to 10 days depending on student needs.
- For more information see your instructional coach or *Five Easy Steps to a Balanced Math Program* by Jan Christensen.

Balanced Literacy Block

45-50 minutes Reader’s Workshop

- Grade level whole group instruction, small skill groups, Guided Reading groups, practice, conferencing
 - Reading

45-50 minutes Writer’s Workshop

- Grade level whole group instruction mini-lesson, independent writing time, conferencing
 - Writing as response to literature

*Readers are Writers & Writers are Readers!!

EL (English Learner) Corner

MAKE TEXT ACCESSIBLE TO ALL!



Transfer any text from a pic, website, pdf, word, or app by cutting and pasting it into the Snap&Read app. The text can then be translated into other languages with the click of a button. Students can also highlight the text and have it read aloud to them in English, their native language, or both. They can also click words within the text to have them defined, in writing or aloud, in English and/or their native language. Or, difficult words within the text can be simplified into easier English. (example, "journey" to "trip") **See your text coach to download it to students’ iPads!**

Curriculum

Essential Questions, vocabulary should be posted for Bundle 1. Please begin looking ahead as Bundle 2 begins after Scantron Testing!

- Add vocabulary as it is introduced. **The whole year should not be posted at this time.**
- Colors for each category;
 - Math, **blue**; Language, **yellow**; Science, **green**; Social Studies, **pink**

Lay out the Bundles with grade level/ department team to bridge commonalities for more seamless instruction.

Read **PERFORMANCE TASK FIRST** so that you know how to lay out lessons and assessments for task completion.

What’s New in Edge?

EACS High Ability Education

Excellence and Diversity in Gifted Education

The energy of the mind is the essence of life. – Aristotle

Staci Salzbrenner, our district's new High Ability Coordinator, will be working with staff to continue the growth of our EDGE program and is looking forward to implementing exciting curriculum with the Edge students.

Did you know that the IDOE has specific curriculum designed for high ability? Check out the High Ability tab on the IDOE website for Math and Language Arts lessons and units. These units are great for stretching your high ability student’s minds as well as establishing “rigor” for all students in the classroom!