

From the Desk of Kevin Wiland, K-12 Mathematics Coordinator

Greetings! Let's hope February is warmer than January!!

My most common question from U-46 staff is about math curriculum: "When will the district distribute math curriculum documents to help with common core implementation?"

I am happy to announce that the math Common Core Curriculum Writing Committee has nearly completed its work. They have developed curriculum documents that focus strongly where Common Core requires us to focus. They include essential questions, enduring understandings, what students should know, tasks, content standards, practice standards, and more! Please take a look at a single unit (draft) from 7th Grade Pre-Algebra that has been developed.

The plan is to go to Instructional Council in March for approval of these curriculum documents for the following grades/courses:

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, Pre-Algebra 1, Pre-Algebra 2, Algebra 1-2, Geometry, Algebra 3-4, Precalculus, and Finite Math.

Once these documents have been approved by the board of education, we will be able to distribute all documents to teachers. Our goal is to have them in your hands by the May SIP day.

Please plan to attend some of the many workshop opportunities offered through the math department this month! All workshops have flexible agendas to meet your needs. Want to know more about common core implementation? Looking for some fresh ideas for your classroom? Join us!!!

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| Feb 5th 3:15 – 5:15 | Feb 6th 3:15 – 5:15 | Feb 12th 4:00 – 6:00 | Feb 12th 3:30 – 5:30 |
| Math K-3 Workshop ESC 339 | Math 4-6 Workshop ESC 339 | Writing in Mathematics ESC 239 | TI-nSpire Workshop TBA – HS |
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| Feb 19th 4:00 – 6:00 | Feb 26 th 4:00 – 6:00 | Feb 21 st 6:30pm |
| Math Pedagogy ESC 483 | SMART Board Advanced Workshop SHS C283 | MMC Dinner Meeting Topic: Common Core Practice Standards |
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