

Curriculum Corner

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Curriculum Review Updates

Last spring, the District Curriculum Committee outlined the district's 5-year curriculum review cycle. This cycle provides a guideline for continual renewal and updating of all major subject areas. The entire cycle can be found on the district's Curriculum and Instruction web page.

During the 2014-2015 school year, Mathematics was the focus of the review process. A subcommittee comprised of staff from all four schools reviewed the district's current status as to curriculum, instruction, assessment and data, research, and the conclusions of an outside consulting agency. The committee then determined action steps for the current school year including the pilot of three elementary math programs. The subcommittee's full report can also be found on the district's Curriculum and Instruction web page.

English Language Arts is one of two content areas for review in the 2014-2015 school year. The review will begin its work relative to writing. In addition to our internal review process, the Buzzards Bay Writing Project will conduct an external review during the months of January and February. They will review curriculum documents, analyze data, interview staff and visit classrooms. This work will inform action steps for the 2015-2016 school year.

World Language is second area also under review for the 2014-2015 school year. This committee will review our current program that extends from grades 1-12 and includes Spanish, French, Latin, Mandarin and American Sign Language. The outside review will be conducted by members of the Boston University faculty. This committee will also provide action steps for improvement this spring.

We look forward to providing you continual updates.

5- Year Curriculum Review Process

Year 1: Review

Year 2: Develop

Year 3: Implement

Year 4/5:

Evaluate: Phase I/II

2014-2015 Focus Areas:

Review:

English Language Arts

World Language

Develop:

Math

