

Instructional Systems Plan 2023 - 2025

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Guiding Principles

Student learning and well-being

Safety of students and staff

Equitable access to a quality educational program



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Orenda Partnership

2023-24 Professional development: ELA + Math Teachers

- Standards alignment
- Common assessment development

Leadership development

- Site and district admin

Frontload guidance alignment



Math

2024-25

Integrated Math

3 yrs Math graduation requirement

Incoming 9th graders
(class of 2028)

2023-24

Professional development (Orenda)

- Alignment of standards and common assessments

Curricular materials (pilot, selection, PD)

Maintain Algebra 1 + some 2-yr Algebra





Raise the Bar (expected outcomes)

Raise the Floor (support systems)



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Math Support

Summer Bridge (4-week summer school program)

Support Classes

- Aligned to core
- Maximize 7-period day
- Smaller class size
- Instructional Aides
- TAs as Tutors
- CR/NC

Saturday Academy

Tutoring before + after school

Winter Intersession



English Language Arts (ELA)

2024-25 Shift English Language Development (ELD) instruction of Long Term English Learners (LTEL) from Lab classes to ELA classes

2023-24 Professional development (Orenda)

- Standards alignment
- Common assessment development
- Designated and integrated ELD

Heterogeneous placement of LTELs in ELA classes



World Languages: Spanish

2024-25 Pathway for incoming Dual Language Immersion (DLI) students

2023-24 Recalibrate placement of incoming Spanish Speakers

Articulate with feeder Jr High Schools

- Student placement
- A-G and Advanced Placement pathway
- DLI pathway



Alternative Education

2024-25 Create new Independent Study School

2023-24 Refine Independent Study model
Repurpose Opportunity Program (AKA Reach)
Explore Short-Term Independent Study



All Departments

Collaboration: PLCs

Bring a heightened focus on Question 3:

- How will we respond when some students are not learning?

Explore and implement coherent, equitable grading practices



Special Education

In-depth district-wide study

- Conducted by School Services of CA
- Findings and recommendations to be presented at a future board meeting



SMJUHSD Promise Statement

Where greatness grows.



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