

Curriculum Corner



THE OFFICIAL CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER OF SAU 7

Welcome to **Curriculum Corner**, the official SAU 7 Curriculum Newsletter!

Be on the lookout ~ this monthly newsletter will provide updates, information, and resources, as well as spotlight the hard work of our amazing teacher team throughout SAU 7!

SPORTS ELIGIBILITY

Clarification on High School & Middle School Sports eligibility~

At CAES high school student athletes need to be passing five out of six subjects with a minimum class grade of 2.6 at reporting time to be eligible for athletics and extracurricular activities. At PSD, high school student athletes need to be passing three out of four subjects with a minimum class grade of 2.6 at reporting time to be eligible for athletics and extracurricular activities.

At CAES and SCS, middle school student athletes need to have an "AP" or "P" in five out of six subjects at reporting time to be eligible for athletics and extracurricular activities. At PSD, middle school student athletes need to have an "AP" or "P" in three out of four subjects at reporting time to be eligible for athletics and extracurricular activities.

ADDRESSING THE LEARNING CURVE

As we progress through this year's journey of competency-based education (CBE), we will continue to reflect on what can make our grades more reliable, consistent, and an accurate measurement of student learning.

Moving forward right now, based on consultation with experts in the field, we feel it necessary to adjust the grading scale originally set up in Alma to increase the range for "expanding," the highest level in our scale.

Old Scale:

0= 0 - < .99
1= .99 - < 1.99
2= 1.99 - < 2.99
3= 2.99 - < 3.99
4= 3.99 - < 4

New Scale:

0 = 0 - < .5
1 = .5 - < 1.5
2 = 1.5 - < 2.5
3 = 2.5 - < 3.5
4 = 3.5 - < 4

The reason for the shift is that we recognize that at report card and transcript time, the final grade is based on a body of evidence from multiple assignments and assessments. In our original scale, the highest level of "expanding" had virtually no range associated with it -- meaning students could only receive this score with 4s on every single assignment/assessment.

What we intended was for the "expanding" designation to apply to students who received mostly 4's, with some 3's, on assignments/assessments.

Likewise, we have adjusted some of the other levels accordingly. We believe this adjusted scale will be a truer picture of student performance.

RESOURCES

A recording of the Competency-Based Education presentation was sent via Alma by principals around October 7th. You can also access it on the SAU 7 website: visit www.sau7.org, select "Departments," then "Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment." The presentation, titled "Competency-Based Education 24-25: Parent Presentation," is linked at the top of the page.

If you have trouble locating the presentation, please contact your building principal or the Curriculum Director.

As you scroll down the page, you'll also find additional resources, including Parent Reporting Guides, Grading and Reporting Expectations & FAQ, Rubric Language, Transferable Skills information, and more details on Competency-Based Education.

Welcome, New SAU 7 Staff!

~Colebrook~

Dale Bille - MS ELA / CTE Education
 Heather Brown - HS ELA
 Myriam Levatino- Art
 Valerie Maxwell- Admin Assistant
 Ryan Ouimette- CTE Auto
 Kirsta Lamm- Interventionist
 Tracey McKinnon- Paraprofessional
 Kailin Gilbert- Paraprofessional
 Mariah Noyes- Paraprofessional
 Dawn Cattier- Paraprofessional

~Pittsburg~

Hannah Kingsbury- MS/HS Social Studies
 Josiah Riley- Whole School Para, AD, Coach
 Aczariah Ludwick-Benson- Paraprofessional
 Amber DeBlois- Paraprofessional
 Lelah Hailey- Paraprofessional



~Stewartstown~

Teri Hammond- MS/HS Social Studies & ELA
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WELCOME TO OUR TEAM!



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