



Nelsonville-York Curriculum/Assessment/Gifted Update October, 2019

CURRICULUM:

Teacher Credentialing College Credit Plus Grant:

We have applied for a grant to cover tuition, fees and textbook costs for teachers wanting to become credentialed to teach CCP courses. We have 7 high school teachers interested. If awarded the grant, we could potentially offer approximately 12 CCP courses to our students next school year. This is a highly competitive grant, but we are hopeful. Award notifications will be sent on October 18, 2019.

2 Hour Late Start:

After a brief meeting with Superintendent Edwards regarding the new district-wide discipline policies/procedures, teachers analyzed their fall assessment data and completed a Google reflection form discussing what interventions/enrichments would be used in the classroom to ensure success for all students. Our next late start is scheduled for February 19, 2020.

Reveal Math Pilot 6-8/Alg. I/Geometry./Alg. II:

The math curriculum pilot is in full swing. The curriculum committee is meeting on Oct. 8 to discuss implementation and the pros and cons of the program.

Striving Readers Grant:

- **Choice Reading PD:** This year we will be having a whole group workshop and 1-1 coaching on Choice Reading for the high school ELA Dept. December 2nd and 3rd. A large body of research shows a strong relationship between voluntary reading, at school or at home, and academic achievement. Voluntary reading is a strong predictor of reading achievement and correlates to increased brain and language development. A wealth of resources is available to support teachers of any grade level to facilitate choice reading in their classrooms.
- **OCTELA Conference:** The high school ELA Dept. will be attending the Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts conference in February.

High School Graduation Requirements 2021 and Beyond:

Ohio law enacted new, permanent graduation requirements that are available for the classes of 2021 and beyond.

[This chart outlines the options available to each graduating class, as well as a description of the requirements.](#)

ASSESSMENT:

Upcoming Testing Dates:

10/22-10/23: Fall 3rd Grade ELA
11/1: KRA window closes
11/14: Preschool ELA window closes
12/3: ELA I EOC retakes
12/4: ELA II EOC retakes
12/5: Biology EOC retakes
12/10: Government EOC
12/11: Algebra I EOC retakes
12/12: Geometry EOC retakes
12/17: US History EOC retakes

District Reading/Math Universal Screener: All students in grades K-12 are being assessed in Reading using the STAR 360 online assessment. Students in grades 1-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II will be assessed in Math. Teachers use this data to inform their instruction and ensure each child's needs are met.

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA): Kindergarteners must complete the KRA by Nov. 1st. This assessment is state developed and required. Teachers may use the results from the Language and Literacy portion as the Kindergarten Reading Diagnostic.

Preschool Early Learning Assessment (ELA): The ELA is an ongoing process of observations performed by the teacher to gather information on how a child is developing over time. This process allows the teacher to form an understanding of the child's learning and development that will assist them in planning future learning opportunities. The results are reported to the state in the Fall and Spring of each year.

K-3 Diagnostics: State required Reading diagnostics are being completed this month. Teachers use the STAR 360 program for their Reading diagnostic. Students are placed as either On Track or Not on Track based on their results. Reading Improvement Plans (RIMPS) are then developed for students who are not on track in Reading.

3rd Grade ELA: The 3rd grade students will be taking the Ohio ELA assessment the week of Oct. 21st. This test will be their first chance to pass the TGRG and ensure they can move onto the 4th grade. They will take the assessment again in the spring.

GIFTED:

Growing Skills:

Mrs. Swart has developed a differentiation program for all students identified as gifted in grades 3-8. Each student has "growing skills" reading and math assignments based on STARS data. Students are spending time revisiting unclear topics and/or extending knowledge by working at a higher grade level when appropriate. The students are truly enjoying the customized plans - some are even working on these tasks outside of class and earning awards.

Whole Grade Testing:

4th and 6th grade Gifted testing will be completed by mid December.

Acceleration:

We are working to set policies and procedures in place for subject acceleration to occur at the start of the second grading period for several students.

Check out the TAG website for updates and news: <http://tagnycs.weebly.com/>

