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Date: May 17, 2017

Action/Discussion Item:

Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Floyd County Schools and WestEd in regard to participating in the SimScientist interactive assessment pilot study.

Applicable State or Board Policy:

KRS160.190 Duties and Powers of the Board 01.11

Background and Rationale: SimScientist is a simulation-based assessment through WestEd that is used to supplement three specific units within middle school science content. SimScientist combines Next Generation Science Standards and the future of assessment by having students complete interactive labs and reports to determine comprehension. Participants implement assessments and release scores in this pilot study to measure the supplements success rates.

Budget/Financial Issues:

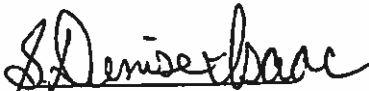
There are no costs to the district.

Recommended Action:


Approval of the MOU

Contact Person(s):

Kelsey Tackett, South Floyd Elementary, Science Teacher
Denise Issac, South Floyd Elementary, Principal


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Q1: I understand that if chosen to participate, I will be randomly assigned to sample 1 or sample 2. Yes

Q2: I confirm that I am a middle grades (6th, 7th, or 8th) science teacher. Yes

Q3: To participate in this study you must teach all topics, Ecosystems, Geology, and Climate, in one middle school grade (i.e., 6th, 7th, or 8th) during the 2017-2018 school year. You may either teach Ecosystems OR conduct a substantial review of Ecosystems of at least 5 class periods if Ecosystems is taught in the previous grade OR teach a different class that covers all Ecosystems topics such as human impacts or biomes (see strand document for details on topics covered <https://wested.box.com/s/7eckkkkgk9kwsnikzdwghbu2aby4zltps>). Will your curriculum cover Ecosystems, Geology, and Climate at the same grade level?* Yes, I will teach Geology, Climate, and do a substantial review Ecosystems.

Q4: In order to participate in this study, you must provide ongoing instruction during the school year that incorporates the Scale, Energy and Matter, and Systems crosscutting concepts. Please indicate whether or not you intend to include instruction in the Crosscutting concepts throughout the year: Yes

Q5: I have read this consent form, and I consent to take part in the SimScientists Crosscutting Concepts: Progressions in Earth Systems (REAL). I understand that participation in the study will include sending home and collecting information and consent sheets, using suites of simulation-based assessments and reflection activities in middle school science class(es) for units on Ecosystems, Geology, and Climate, completing a questionnaire on the quality and utility of the lessons at the end of each unit (Sample 1 only), administering a pretest and a posttest, one year-end questionnaire, and facilitating classroom observations if selected (Sample 1 and Sample 2), I give WestEd permission to use my feedback for the evaluation of the materials. I understand that all information will be kept confidential and that only fictitious names will be used in all publications of the results of the study. Yes

REAL Pilot Study Consent Form 2017-2018

Q6: By providing my electronic signature and date, I am giving my consent to participate in WestEd's SimScientists Crosscutting Concepts: Progressions in Earth Systems (REAL) Pilot study.

First Name	Kelsey
Middle Initial	N
Last Name	Tackett
Date	05/11/2017

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Q7: Please provide the following information:

School	South floyd schools
Work Email Address	Kelsey.tackett@floyd.kyschools.us
Work Phone Number	6064524600
District	Floyd
First Name:	Kelsey
Last Name:	Tackett
District name:	Floyd
School name:	South Floyd Schools
School street address:	299 mt raider dr
City:	Hihat
State:	Ky
Zip code:	41636
Time Zone (i.e. Pacific, Mountain, Central, Eastern):	Eastern
Work email address:	Kelsey.tackett@floyd.kyschools.us
Work phone number:	6067912425

Q8: Please provide your personal contact information so we can contact you over the summer (this information will not be shared outside WestEd):

Home phone number:	6067912425
Home Mailing Address:	Kelsey.n.tackett@gmail.com
City:	Hi hat
State:	KY
Zip Code:	41636

Q9: Final comments or questions:

Respondent skipped this question