



**Curriculum Department Report to the Board of Education  
December 7, 2018**

To: Mr. Middleton, Superintendent  
Ms. Malone, Chairperson of the Board  
Members of the Board of Education

**November 12, 2018 – December 7, 2018**

**Curriculum Focus of the Month: 2018-2019 Assessment Calendar & Writing Policies**

- The Curriculum Department's monthly focus includes the updated 2018-2019 Assessment Calendar & Writing Policies for each school
- KDE has made many changes to the Assessment & Accountability System, therefore, our district Assessment Calendar has been impacted for this year
  - Reference the following documents:
    - **KDE Proposed KPREP Testing Schedule**
    - **2018-2019 Newport Assessment Calendar**
- Senate Bill 1 (SB1) requires each school to adopt policies that determine the writing program for its school & for KDE review
  - All school Writing Policies will be submitted to KDE in January 2019 & detailed Writing Plans for each school will be developed following the submission
  - Reference the following documents:
    - **Writing Policies**
      - **NPS**
      - **NIS**
      - **NHS**

**Teaching and Learning Initiatives & Highlights**

- The Curriculum Department's work focused on these main areas this month:
  - Met with School Admin Teams multiple times to provide feedback on:
    - Communication plans for instructional next steps
    - Elot walkthrough data
    - Audit preparations
    - CSIP progress
  - Attended ACT training with BACs from NHS & NRS
  - Organized & implemented multiple School & District Improvement Work Sessions to focus on CSIP development & preparations for the upcoming Diagnostic Audits
  - Participated in EL Program Meetings to being preparations for ACCESS Testing
  - Attended the River Cities Training Hub Network Meetings
  - Organized & implemented ACCESS Testing Training to prepare all testing coordinators & proctors for the testing session that will begin on January 8
  - Participation in PBL Coaching activities
  - Conducted training for all 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year Newport Teachers that focused on teaching students from poverty & fostering a growth mindset
  - Collaboration with the new Education Recovery Staff from KDE
  - Attended the NAGC Conference with the gifted teacher to identify other ways to effectively identify gifted students from diverse backgrounds
  - Attended various regional meetings as NKCES, including Grants Consortium, Title, & Professional Learning Consortium
  - Conducted weekly District Instructional Meetings with principals to discuss curriculum, instruction, & assessment
  - Conducted meetings with Instructional Coaches to focus on the development of & provide feedback on the school Writing Policies

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