

**Curriculum Department Report to the Board of Education**  
**Curriculum Department Highlights**  
**July 20, 2022**

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

**Newport Curriculum Department Vision:**

We envision a day when **all leaders** of Newport Independent Schools exhibit high expectations and guarantee excellence of instruction, ensure equitable opportunities and leverage all high quality resources so that students, staff and leaders will **maximize** their fullest potential.

New Wildcat Orientation

The New Wildcat Orientation/New Teacher Induction Program helps to ensure the onboarding process for new certified and classified staff provides the support and professional learning opportunities needed to be a successful Newport Wildcat as well as provides a framework of the district's vision for student learning and success. New Wildcat Orientation will take place on August 2nd and monthly district professional learning sessions will occur throughout the academic year.

Federal Programs

Allocations for Title I, II, III, and IV were given to districts on June 28, 2022. During the 22-23 school year Newport Independent will be supporting 7 schools through the Title I Program. New requirements suggest the LEA (Local Education Agency) have timely and meaningful consultation with all non-public schools being serviced and also meet regularly to review data and monitor the implementation of services provided to "at risk" students from Newport. A new system at NISD will be adopted to ensure quarterly monitoring of data and services for both public and non-public schools. Additional information regarding federal programs and Title I can be presented at a work session in the future, if desired. Federal Programs application for approved funding is due to KDE by August 31, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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