



Curriculum Highlights

Memo

To: Dr. Mary Whitrock
From: Christine Damm
Date: January, 2025
Re: Curriculum Highlights for January

- 1. Upcoming Professional Days** – The following message was sent to all certified staff regarding the upcoming January and February professional days:
 - **January 20 No Classes in lieu of PT Conf. and summer inservice work** (PT conferences were adjusted based on building preferences and will not take place on this day. The summer curriculum work that was submitted by all certified teachers fulfills the inservice obligation so staff do not need to report on this day.)
 - **January 21 No Students Professional Day for Certified Staff 8:00-4:00** (This day will be a full record keeping day for teachers to finalize their semester grades and report cards.)
 - **February 17 RASD Certified Staff will participate in school/district sponsored professional development** (further details will be provided as we approach this day. Elementary literacy teachers will be meeting in the RMS/RHS Media Center during the AM to focus on early literacy professional development with our CESA 6 partners).
- 2. Winter Diagnostic Assessments** – Students in grades K and 1 completed the required aimswebPlus early literacy screener. Any student who scores below the 25th percentile on this initial screener was given additional diagnostic assessments by our literacy coaches to determine what further support may be required. If the screener and diagnostic assessments confirmed a child is at risk, a Personalized Reading Plan (PRP) was written and shared with the student's guardians. Students in grades 2 and 3 completed the early literacy screener prior to winter break. Students in grades 4K-5 will be screened again during the spring window in late March or early April. The i-Ready diagnostic window for Grades K-5 Reading and Math is open from January 6-24. Teachers in grades 2-5 will also be administering the mid-year BAS assessment. We will be administering the BAS assessment to all students in grades 1-5 again at the end of the school year to help determine and celebrate the growth the students have made during the 24-25 school year.
- 3. Summer School** – Preparation has begun for the 2025 Summer School Program. Changes include a 6 week, 4-days per week program from June 9-July 17. We will continue to implement the changes to the online registration made last summer, including a simplified Google Form via a QR code from a single page flyer. Transportation forms and swim lessons were also created using Google forms to

make the entire process a digital experience for families. Summer school flyers will be distributed around spring break to ensure that we have adequate time for hiring and student scheduling. We will continue to offer a variety of blended learning options for students at the high school level, which will include a combination of online learning and face-to-face instruction to provide more flexibility to summer schedules.