

VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Council Goals for 2010-11

1. **Instructional practice in the District is guided by a common framework and language that supports unified practice and collaboration among all staff in improving student learning.**

Smart Goal for 2010-11

- Redesign the District APPR to reflect new State regulations and to align it with Charlotte Danielson's *Framework for Teaching*.

2. **Improve student performance in ELA as measured on District and State assessments.**

Smart Goals for 2010-11

- Implement 2 writing units from the Writing Fundamentals Kit in grades K-6;
- Implement *Foundations* in grade 3;
- Implement K-2 ELA maps developed in 2009-10;
- Expand the ability of teachers and principals in grades K-6 in the use of data analysis to develop and implement individual action plans for students;
- Articulate consistent guiding principles for reading instruction;
- Align the Kindergarten Report Card to the new ELA framework;
- Align curriculum as needed to new state cut scores and benchmarks.

3. **Ensure successful continuation of math learning for all students.**

Smart Goals for 2010-11

- Expand the ability of teachers and principals in grades K-6 in the use of data analysis to develop and implement individual action plans for students;
- Explore progress monitoring tools for math;
- More effective use and integration of math technology tools.

4. **Provide students with a high quality, up-to-date, rigorous Science education.**

Smart Goals for 2010-11

- Implement a student science-based project in grade 5;
- Implement 2 new science units in grades 5 and 6;
- Map grades 3 and 4 science topics;
- Support more in-depth implementation of BOCES science kits;
- Pilot sustainability curriculum in grades K and 1.

5. **Provide students with a high quality, up-to-date, rigorous Social Studies education.**

Smart Goal for 2010-11

- Pilot integrated ELA/Social Studies curriculum.

6. **Maximize effectiveness of support programs to best meet the needs of students with specialized learning needs.**

Smart Goals for 2010-11

- Expand reading teachers' toolkit of strategies;
- Implement pull-out blocks for each classroom: *The periods will be used for classroom based differentiated instruction and pull-out services;*
- Refine the implementation of our Response to Intervention (RTI) program;
- Align the current ESL curriculum to mainstream literacy (reading) and/or content curricula (forward mapping);
- Expand the SIOP model to include 7 additional general education teachers in the use of SIOP.

7. **Ensure a learning/school environment that meets the needs of the whole child.**

Smart Goals for 2010-11

- Complete a K-6 Framework for Art, Music, Physical Education, and Informational Literacy;
- Refine after-school program offerings;
- Pilot progress monitoring of behavior using AIMSweb tools;
- All staff have the most up-to-date CPI training;
- Continue implementation of the Peer Mediation Program;
- Expand "Check and Connect;"
- Continue technology integration throughout the curriculum areas.