

Coordinator Brief To Curriculum Council
Reading/Language Arts
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Informational /Issues Update (State/Federal/County/Committees)

CDE Updates

Special Education Resource Page

- Resources and guidelines on what the CCSS and new tests will mean for SPED students and teachers

AB 484 Bonilla

- Suspension of all STAR assessments, which do not meet the federal ESEA act. Potential savings to the state, approximately \$15,000,000. This bill was discussed at the March 13, 2013 SBE meeting. The first reading to the committee is scheduled to be held later on this month.

ELA/ELD Framework Revision Guidelines

- Nine broad guidelines are proposed for the new framework. These guidelines can be found on the CDE website. The guidelines include the following:
 - Alignment to CCSS
 - Inclusion of Next Generation ELD standards
 - Sample instructional practices within grade-level/grade-span chapters
 - Identification of significant shifts (text complexity, use of evidence, building knowledge through rich nonfiction)
 - Guidance on TK instruction
 - Professional Development
 - Assessment
 - Support for all learners
 - Technology and tools for teaching and learning

Spanish version of CCSS ELA is available

- This document includes linguistic augmentation, which goes beyond the word-by-word literal translation so to communicate concepts usefully.

Next Generation Science Standards Update

- The second review has been completed of these new standards. Over 18,000 hits came from California residents/educators. Regional meetings on these standards will be held in the late spring. It is anticipated that the SBE will discuss the standards in May.

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) (taken from sbac@cde.ca.gov)

Pilot Test

- Approximately 1400 California schools will participate in SBAC scientific pilot test (the "chosen" group). Chualar School District just completed their pilot. More information will be forthcoming as the other 20 Monterey County schools complete their pilots.

Transitional Kindergarten

Additional Resources available

- Resources from the Southern California 2013 Transitional Kindergarten Implementation Center. Handouts and video clips can be found at <http://www.tkcalifornia.org/learn-with-us/2013tkconference.html>
- Math support for TK classrooms can be found on the TK website with a focus on the mathematical practices, rich learning environments with authentic, developmental application for these young learners. <https://s3.amazonaws.com/TKMonthlyWebinar/1302%20February%20Webinar/TK%20Webinar-%20FEB.pdf>
- Entrance date for Kindergarten for **2013-14 will be October 1, 2013.**

Calendar Review (Trainings/Events/Due Dates)

- **Transitional Kindergarten Task Force**
 - 2:30pm **today** in Room B
 - Topics of discussion: Math instruction supports, plus additional updates
 - Teacher Networking opportunities begin at 3:15-4:00

- **CCSS Leadership Team Network Regional Meetings**
 - 4-6 pm at various locations throughout Monterey County
 - **Participants must bring laptop or tablet as all documents and interactions will be electronic!!**
 - April 15 Soledad—Math Implementation Strategies
 - April 17 MPUSD IMC—Informational Text

- **Central California Writing Project (CCWP) and CCSS Workshop (New training opportunity—please see attached flyer)**
 - K-5; 6-12 English; 6-12 Other Content Areas
 - 2 days of training on Narrative, Informational/Explanatory, Opinions/Argument Writing
 - \$150 per participant for both sessions
 - Two sessions—Elementary teachers: May 17 and July 31 Secondary English teachers: May 20 and July 30; Secondary Content Area teachers: May 29 and July 29
 - Please contact Cathy Cranson for more information

- **Common Core Implementation Curriculum Maps (New training opportunity—please see attached flyer)**
 - The following project was presented to the Superintendents Council and received overwhelming support. This project would provide the following
 - *Identification of priority standards and related support standards*
 - *Clustering standards into Units of Study*
 - *Developing Essential Questions and Big Ideas for each unit of study*
 - *Develop pacing calendar for units of study*
 - June 10-13, 2013 with Dr. Brandon Doubeck from Doug Reeves' *Leadership and Learning Center*; July 22-25 with MCOE staff
 - 2 days for ELA and 2 days for Math
 - Follow up days with MCOE staff for continuation of work
 - Cost is \$250 for series (4 days for each content area)
 - All Units of Study will be posted in central location for all districts to access
 - Sample unit will be shared during Curriculum Council meeting

- **Additional CCSS Training Available**
 - Informational Text
 - Collaboration, Use of Media, and Research
 - Text Complexity
 - CCSS Writing
 - Opinion Writing
 - Discussion-Based Classrooms
 - Contact Cathy Cranson for more information