

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

CISC Updates:

- ELA Framework Committee has been appointed and will begin work shortly. Estimated completion date is May 2014. This framework will include best practices, publisher recommendations for instructional materials, and clarification of the CCSS standards. It will also include the Next Generation ELD standards.
- Professional Development Modules should be ready on the Brokers of Expertise webpage in the very near future. Modules include:
 - Overview of the CCSS
 - Informational Text Reading
 - Writing to Inform, Argue, and Analyze
 - Assessment Literacy
- Basal Alignment Project can be found at www.edmodo.com with the group code etuyrm. Rewritten CCSS-type questions for the most popular publishers are posted for free. Treasures, HM Medallion and Imagine It selections are addressed.
- Supplemental Materials recommendations will go to SBE in November. All ELA supplemental materials have been received at MCOE in the LRDC. They will be available for review shortly.
- Updated CDE resource page for Common Core has arrived. Educators will be able to search for materials that impact teachers, administrators, students, parents, and community groups. New information is added on a regular basis. Be sure to visit this resource!

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

- Additional information on Assessment can be found under the Regional Network Meeting Sept 20th. Districts have been approached to participate in trial testing this fall. Please notify Cathy if your district has been approached.
- Upcoming Support Available Soon
 - Sample Items
 - Anchor papers
 - Teacher Training
 - Draft Achievement Level Descriptors

Q: How can schools participate in the Pilot Test of the assessment system?

A: SBAC will conduct a Pilot Test of the assessment system beginning in February 2013. The Pilot Test will include more than 10,000 items and performance tasks currently under development and will provide information about how these items and tasks perform in a real-world setting. Participation in the Pilot Test will be open to all schools in the Consortium and will include students from grades 3-8 and 11. Additional information about how to participate in the Pilot Test will be made available to states in fall 2012.

Transitional Kindergarten

- Frequently Asked Questions can be found at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/kinderfaq.asp>
- Nine school districts requested a waiver to not offer Transitional Kindergarten as an option for the 2012-13 school year. SBE denied this request unanimously. Transitional Kindergarten is a requirement for this school year. Districts may choose to offer a combination class of Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten. They must, however, take the students developmental needs into account and provide a developmentally appropriate program for these young students.
- The TK Task Force will meet after every curriculum council meeting at 2:30 for administrator/program support and then all TK teachers are invited to attend a TK Network meeting from 3:15-4:00. This will provide the teachers with an opportunity to work with other TK teachers in our county and allow them to share best practices and have a time to problem solve implementation concerns at the teacher level. All TK staff is encouraged to attend. First 5 will be available to provide support for future training opportunities at little or no cost to staff. All

information on TK can be found at the MCOE webpage for Transitional Kindergarten.
<http://www.monterey.k12.ca.us/ed-services/transistional-kindergarten>

Calendar Review (Trainings/Events/Due Dates)

- **Transitional Kindergarten Task Force**
 - 2:30pm **today** in Room
 - Topics of discussion: Revised www.tkcalifornia.org website, Social-Emotional instructional needs, informal assessment (DRDP-SR), professional development opportunities to build play into the TK classroom
 - Teacher Networking opportunities begin at 3:15-4:00

- **CISC CCSS Toolkit Training of Trainers for grades K-12**
 - Oct 4, 18, 25
 - \$250 per individual, includes all training materials
 - Participants will be prepared to return to their sites/districts and present all modules (overview, content, instruction) and mini-modules (informational text, writing, text complexity, and collaborations/research/use of media)
 - OMS link <http://monterey.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=60609>
 - Contact Cathy Cranson for more information

- **Advanced GRR with Doug Fisher**
 - Oct 4, 2012; Dec 13,2012; Feb 22, 2013
 - \$200 per participants
 - Up to 4 members of site team recommended attendance
 - OMS link <http://monterey.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=59471>

- **CCSS Leadership Team Network Regional Meetings**
 - **See flyer!!**
 - 4-6 pm at various locations throughout Monterey County
 - **Participants must bring laptop or tablet as all documents and interactions will be electronic!!**
 - Sept 17th @Soledad--Math Implementation Strategies
 - Sept 20th-MCOE—Assessment
 - Sept 27th @MCOE—ELA Text Complexity
 - Oct 8 @Soledad—Informational Writing
 - Oct 11 @MCOE--Math Implementation Strategies
 - Oct 17 @MPUSD IMC—Informational Writing

- **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