

Center for Curriculum and Assessment Update August 2012

ODE's Professional Learning Series: Keys to Instructional Success

The Ohio Department of Education will offer Standards implementation support through a professional learning series on instruction. The series will include webinar(s), regional training, module work, and a summer academy. The professional learning series will address the key common instructional shifts for all subject areas and learners; specific instructional shifts within subject areas; include examples of model instructional units tied to the instructional shifts; and, provide opportunities for educators to evaluate and design high-quality instruction around the shifts. Participants can receive more information at: <http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDedicatedPage.aspx?page=973>.

ODE's New Learning Standards Video

ODE recently developed nationally and Ohio-specific videos on the New Learning Standards. ODE provides free downloads of the two dynamic videos which address the important new education standards that will blaze the path to better futures for America's students. Suitable for presentation at teacher meetings, parent nights, PTA meetings, association conferences and community events, they can stimulate great conversation about why the standards are necessary and how classroom teaching and learning will change. ODE will also develop an awareness toolkit to accompany the videos which will include talking points and discussion questions.

<http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/OEDEDetail.aspx?Page=3&TopicRelationID=1695&Content=129780>

ODE's Academic Standards and Webpage

ODE will now begin calling its standards Ohio's New Learning Standards, which are comprised of the Common Core state standards and the state revised standards. ODE has also modified its webpage to be more user-friendly. Professional development, resources and support are now accessible by content area, and the webpage also includes information on the Extended Standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities and assessment development.

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PARCC Performance Level Descriptors- Public Review

PARCC is seeking feedback from the public on two draft policies related to its next generation assessment system:

1. The PARCC policy for making college-ready determinations in English language arts/literacy and mathematics, and
2. Draft policy-level performance level descriptors (PLDs) and general content-level PLDs for the PARCC assessments.

PARCC is seeking feedback from members of the public on both draft policies through September 21, 2012. <http://www.parcconline.org/crd-pld-survey>

3rd Grade Reading Guarantee

As part of Senate Bill 316, legislation was created to ensure all Ohio students are reading at grade level by the end of the third grade, called the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Starting with students entering the third grade in the 2013-2014 school year, all students must demonstrate a certain level of competency in reading before advancing to the fourth grade. In an effort to provide support to districts, educators and families, ODE will provide resources and tools.

<http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=5&ContentID=129423>

Join in a Facebook Conversation for Educators

Ohio Teachers' Homeroom, https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohio-Teachers-Homeroom/303190473049852?ref=tn_tnmn, the new Facebook page for educators from the Ohio Department of Education, is off to an exciting start. Within weeks of its launch, the page already has hundreds of fans and is receiving submissions from around Ohio. ODE invites you to "Like" the page so you can receive regular updates when news is posted. Ohio Teachers' Homeroom will be another way for educators to connect and present ideas, so please share the page with friends and colleagues. ODE welcomes news and ideas, including:

- Lesson planning resources;
- Events, conferences, webinars or PD opportunities; and
- Teaching and learning topics that might stir conversation among Facebook readers.