Common Core Professional Development:

English, Social Science, Science

NWEA Preview — NWEA provides an assessment aligned to the common core and uses the same web-based adaptive testing format as Smarter Balance. The assessment may be given up to 4 times a year, including summative and formative progress monitoring of students. This meeting will provide teachers and administrators with an overview of NWEA and the opportunity to provide feedback.

Facilitator: NWEA Representatives

English Teachers Oct 30 10:00 – 12:00 Instructional Resources

Math Teachers Oct 30 1:00 – 3:00 Instructional Resources

ELA (all) Nov 12 or Dec 12 – April Baker and Dan McDowell will facilitate a full day workshop focused on specific strategies that combine ELA Common Core standards with Google Documents, Forms, and Drive. Proven techniques and tips for student work management will be shared and practiced throughout the day.

ELA (all) Nov 12 or Dec 12 8:00 – 3:00 District Office Conference Rm

ELA 9th and 10th Grade – Lin Kuzmich will facilitate a full day meeting to guide teachers through the process of calibrating their scores on the first semester final exams. Exams were created by the English Task Force and designed to be used by all 9th and 10th grade teachers. Anchor papers from each site will be used for the calibration. The purpose of the meeting includes ensuring district-wide inter-rater reliability, as well as discussion on the use of data to inform instructional practice.

English 9 and 10 Feb 20 8:00 – 3:00 Instructional Resources

ELA 11th and 12th Grade – Lin Kuzmich will facilitate a full day meeting to guide teachers through the process of calibrating their scores on the first semester final exams. Exams were created by the English Task Force and designed to be used by all 11th and 12th grade teachers. Anchor papers from each site will be used for the calibration. The purpose of the meeting includes ensuring district-wide inter-rater reliability, as well as discussion on the use of data to inform instructional practice.

English 11 and 12 Feb 21 8:00 – 3:00 Instructional Resources

Social Science (Geography, History, Govt) — Facilitated by Lin Kuzmich, teachers will learn and practice the advanced literacy skills including tiered vocabulary, primary and secondary source studies, DBQs, and assessments. This workshop builds on previous literacy training and provides a solid foundation for the Social Science literacy skills required by Common Core.

Social Science March 24 8:00 – 3:00 Instructional Resources

Life and Environmental Sciences - Facilitated by Lin Kuzmich, teachers will learn and practice the advanced literacy skills including tiered vocabulary, article studies, and improving lab-based and assignment writing. This workshop builds on previous literacy workshops and provides a solid foundation for the science literacy skills required by Common Core.

Life / Enviro Science March 25 8:00 – 3:00 Instructional Resource

Natural Sciences, Physics, Chemistry - Facilitated by Lin Kuzmich, teachers will learn and practice the advanced literacy skills including tiered vocabulary, problem solving writing, solutions or scenarios in science, and improving lab-based and assignment writing. This workshop builds on previous literacy workshops and provides a solid foundation for the science literacy skills required by Common Core.

Natural Sciences March 26 8:00 – 2:00 District Office Conference Rm

ELA Writing Assessment:

Participants: Eng 9, 10, 11, 12, AP, Honors, and Adv EL (other EL levels optional)

Test Window: Dec 2 - 20 (3 - 5 days)

Process: Teachers administer and score their own papers

Results are scanned into Illuminate

Return 10 sample papers (per grade level) scored as "2" and 3" (Scale: 0-4) to Alan Grulich by Feb 7

Calibration activity with Lin Kuzmich: Feb 20 (9th and 10th grade) Feb 21 (11th and 12th grade)

Site Support Day with Lin:

March 31: El Cajon

April 3: Santana

May 6: Granite Hills

April 1: Monte Vista

April 4: Mt Miguel

May 7: Grossmont

April 2: Valhalla

May 5: West Hills

Lin will provide support based on your request (ie: bringing groups of teachers together to discuss strategies around common core, assessment design, data analysis, classroom visits with your admin team . . she will design the day based on your site needs. I will check back with you second semester to determine how you would like her to focus her agenda for your site.