



Springfield 2021-2022

Superintendent's Report

July 25, 2022

#SPSCompassionate&Extraordinary

Springfield Public Schools Vision & Mission

Vision:

Cultivating compassionate and extraordinary learners!

Mission:

Springfield Public Schools will challenge every student through meaningful, engaging experiences — empowering all students to flourish and contribute in an evolving world.

Report Overview

- Curriculum Updates
- Community Updates
- Facilities Updates
- Calendar Updates

State Standards Updates

The NJDOE's standard review and revision process ([N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1](#)) provides us with an opportunity to ensure our standards are rigorous and relevant.

On June 3, 2020, the State Board of Education adopted the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) in the following content areas:

To be implemented for September 2022

- Standard 1: [Visual and Performing Arts](#)
- Standard 2: [Comprehensive Health and Physical Education](#)
- Standard 5: [Science](#)
- Standard 6: [Social Studies](#)
- Standard 7: [World Languages](#)
- Standard 8: [Computer Science and Design Thinking](#)
- Standard 9: [Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills](#)

These standards represent a foundation from which districts will build coherent curriculum and instruction that prepares each New Jersey student with the knowledge and skills to succeed in our rapidly changing world.

- **Climate Change** across all content areas, leveraging the passion students have shown for this critical issue and providing them opportunities⁴ to develop a deep understanding of the science behind the changes and to explore the solutions our world needs;
- **Computer Programming** in all grade bands K-12, ensuring all students receive a 22nd century education in the critical computational thinking skills; and
- **National Standards for Science and Visual and Performing Arts**, ensuring access to, and opportunity in, science and the arts, for every New Jersey public student.

Curricula Review Process & Timelines

Beginning September 2020

- Teachers unpacked the standards
- Teachers revised curriculum during Curriculum and PLC Committee Meetings
- Content area supervisors met with teachers to discuss revisions and resources
- Building principals reviewed curriculum and made recommendations

During the 2020-2021 school year the district approved

- Standard 1: [Visual and Performing Arts](#)
- Standard 5: [Science](#)
- Standard 7: [World Languages](#)
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During the 2021-2022 school year our district made final edits to the curriculum being approved tonight

- Standard 2: [Comprehensive Health and Physical Education](#)
- Standard 6: [Social Studies](#)
- Standard 8: [Computer Science and Design Thinking](#)

Health & Physical Education Updates

Comprehensive Health and Physical Education revised to:

- Address the need for students **to gain knowledge and skills in caring for themselves, interact effectively with others, and analyze the impact of choices and consequences.**
- Provide students with the knowledge and skills to become individuals who possess health and physical literacy and pursue a life of wellness. Students will develop the habits necessary to live healthy, productive lives that positively impact their families, schools and communities.
- The Disciplinary Concepts and Cores Ideas help to guide the focus of learning by the end of each grade band level (end of grade 2, 5, 8, and 12). The overarching theme is **ACCEPTANCE.**

Example, Under Social and Sexual Health. Individuals are able to form meaningful relationships with others and interact in healthy, appropriate ways. By the end of grade 2 - families shape the way we think about our bodies, our health and our behaviors.

Other Disciplinary Concepts include; Emotional Health Personal Growth and Development, Community Health Services and Support, Movement Skills and Concepts, Physical Fitness Lifelong Fitness, Nutrition, Health Conditions, Diseases and Medicines, Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drugs, Dependency, Substance Disorder and Treatment.

Overarching themes are covered within our Guidance Curriculum through Character Education Lessons. Disciplinary Concepts include; human relationships relating to emotional/physical wellness, respecting difference, what i like about me and thinking about others. Lessons vary according to age, grade, and need.

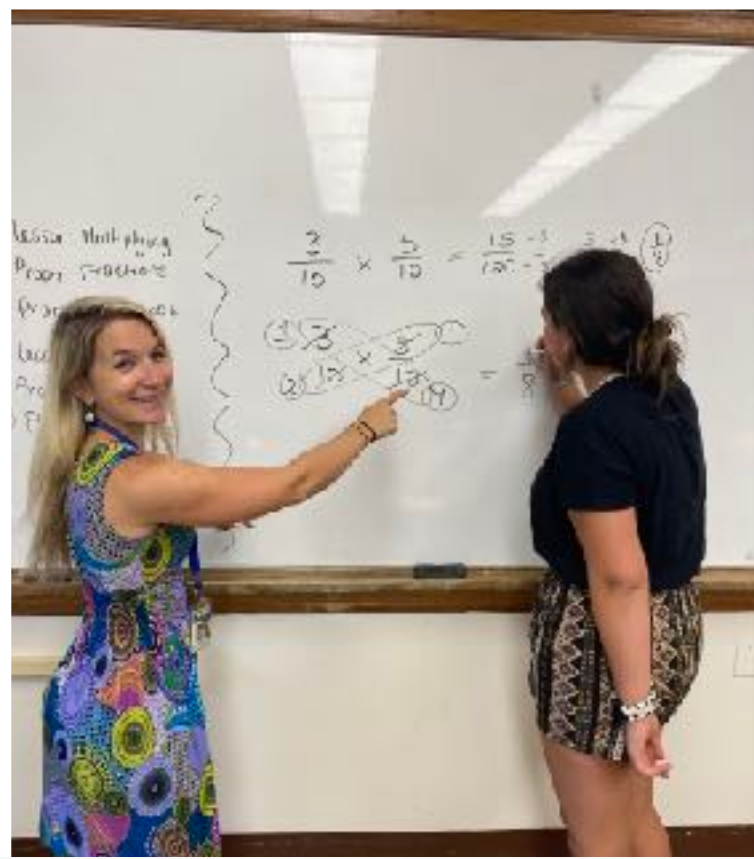
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N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.7 allows a parent or guardian to exclude a student from “health, family life education or sex education” by signing a statement that the instruction is in conflict with their conscience or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs. N.J.S.A

Information

- Parents are encouraged to contact their building principal with any questions or concerns.
- Please visit our website for updates www.springfieldschools.com
- Visit NJDOE New Jersey Student Learning Standards <https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/>

Camp Bulldog Summer Learning!



School Security

- Dr. Thomas Gambino, NJDOE Office of School Preparedness & Emergency Planning
- Mr. Daryl Palmieri, Union County Executive Superintendent
- Reviewed best practices in NJ and national experts
- Discussed application to Springfield



School Updates

- Demolition of the FMG Media Center is complete
- Security Vestibules are being installed



Facilities Updates

- 21-22 School Year Reviewed Current Facility Needs
 - Critical Need for HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning) throughout our schools
 - Infrastructure Issues Identified
 - Building Security Needs Reviewed
- Update the Long-Range Facility Plan to Submit to the NJDOE
- Begun the Application Process for a Referendum in the 22-23 School Year

Mark Your Calendars!

August 29th:

Board of Education Meeting

September 7th:

Elementary Meet & Greet

Information will be shared by Principals

September 8th:

First Day of School!

Enjoy Your Summer!