

Academy Development Team Overview



What is the Academy Development Team?

- A team that was formed in 2015, consisting of 13 members (teachers and administrators) that are committed to...
 - learning more about academy models
 - preparing staff, students, families and community members for a transition to an academy model
 - defining what Minuteman's academy model is and a path of how to get there
 - creating opportunities for staff to engage in professional conversations and learning communities

Who is on the Academy Development Team?

The Members of Minuteman's Academy Development are:

- Edward Bouquillon- Superintendent
- Erin Bordeau- Art Teacher
- Anita Currier- Hospitality/Culinary Teacher
- Diane Dempsey- Guidance Counselor
- Eugene DiPaolo- Drafting Teacher
- John Fusco- Math Cluster Chair
- Katie Smith- Early Education and Teaching Teacher
- Eric Marshall- Science Teacher
- Maria Mastrocola-School Librarian
- Andie Merkowitz- Special Education Teacher
- Elisabeth Nardone- Special Education Teacher
- Al St. George- Electrical Teacher
- Kyle Romano- Plumbing Teacher
- Amy Perreault- Special Education Director

What has the Academy Development Team done?

- Utilized the investment that was made in providing Minuteman staff common planning time
- During the common planning time the team has...
 - created opportunities for more integration projects
 - supported professional conversations
 - engaged and led the staff in professional development academy work (such as curriculum mapping, senior projects and student portfolios)
- We have implemented/planned for the “buckets” of summer work that was completed
 - Minuteman 101 (a new course for Freshmen)
 - Senior Project (new timelines, grading system, outline, integration expectations)
 - Senior Portfolio (transferred to a digital format, new check-in timeline, simplified)
 - Curriculum Mapping (implementation of new online curriculum tracking system)

Minuteman 101 Update

- Course specifically designed for freshmen for success at Minuteman and in their post-secondary plans

Subject	Curriculum Hours
Character Development	12
Financial Literacy	10
Study Skills/Organization	10
Career and Future Planning	5
Orientation/Introduction to Minuteman	5
Critical Thinking	3
Total Hours	45

Senior Project Enhancements

Senior Project Manual (evaluated/reorganized)

- **Monthly Calendar** to follow for assignments and due dates
- **Essential Question** – for finding a topic & developing a research question
- **Library resources** -
 - New industry-based websites
 - Senior Project Page (Aspen)
 - Using databases for scholarly articles
 - Noodletools to Cite Sources
- **Academic Mentor**



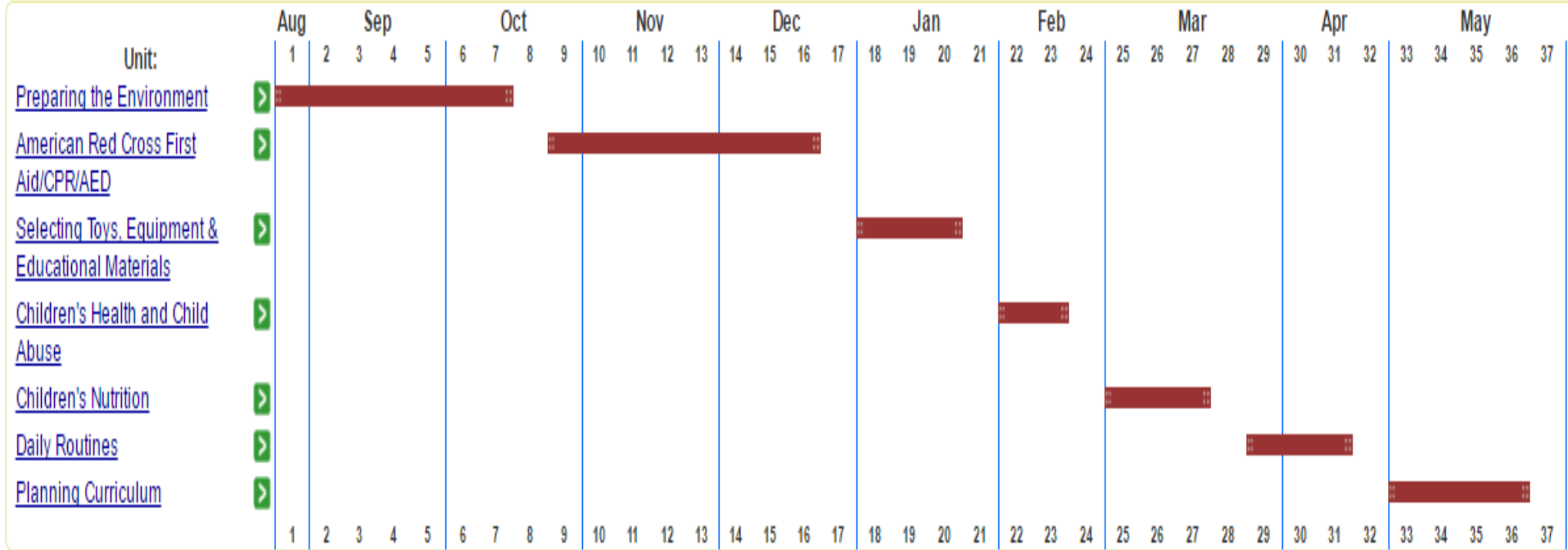
Student Portfolio Update

- Portfolio assemblies and presentations were held with all grade levels
- E-Portfolio presentation for freshman was paired with the One to One device distribution
- ALL Freshman and Sophomore students have transitioned electronic portfolio template to begin curating
- The content requirements for the portfolio have been revised and clear benchmarks provided

Curriculum Mapping Update

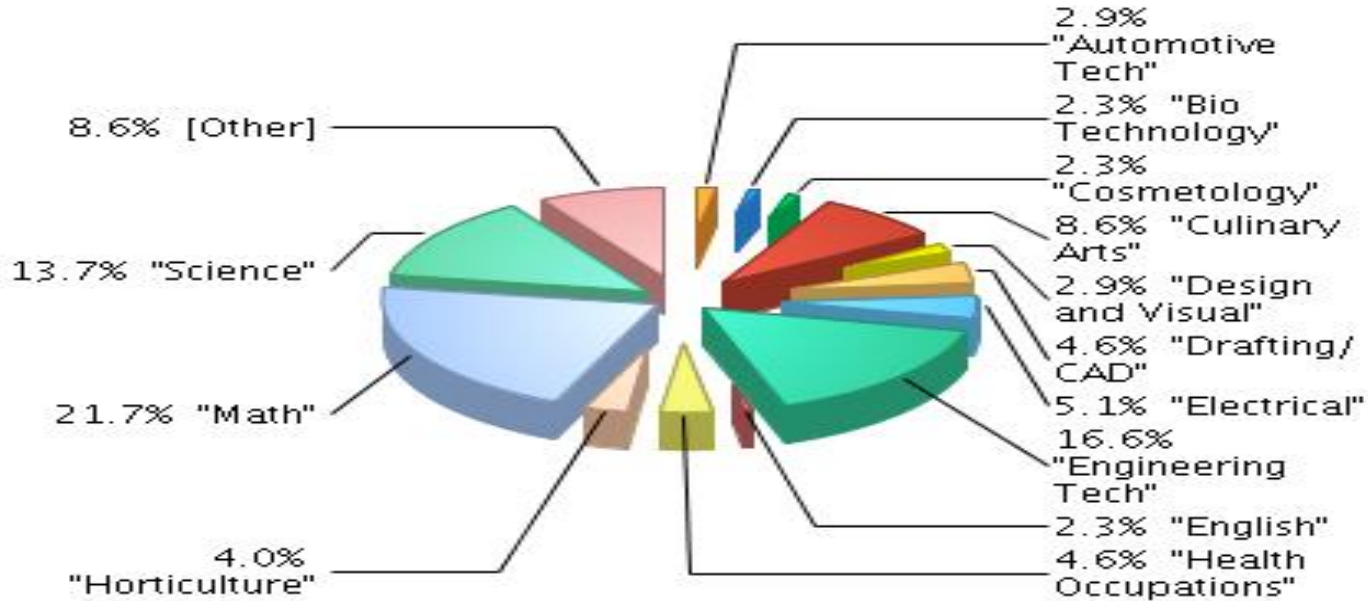
- We are now using Rubicon Atlas an interactive online curriculum mapping system
- Rubicon Atlas has allowed all staff to..
 - access curriculum being taught throughout the school
 - search key terminology to find curriculum crosswalks between disciplines
 - create more project based learning and integration opportunities

Curriculum Mapping: Early Ed. Grade 11- Unit Calendar



Pie Chart of "Measurement" Search in Rubicon Atlas

% of Units with Search Criteria



Next Steps for the Academy Development Team

- Create summer work proposals that will evaluate this year's progress and devise plans for continued improvement for the 2017-2018 school year
- Analyze our all-staff training needs assessment survey (completed 3/30/17) to plan for the structuring of common planning time
- Explore opportunities for additional training in Professional Learning Communities
- Work with the administration team to create an academy-based professional development calendar for the 2017-2018 school year