

Mountain Lakes School District

Superintendent /
Assistant Superintendent
Update
Monday, February 5, 2024



Professional Development

- **January 29th** Reflections:
 - ▷ 'Depth of Knowledge' cohort in full day session with educational consultant, Erik Francis.
 - ▷ 38 ML staff session leaders
 - ▷ Feedback from staff showed
 - 83% appreciated the structure of the day in terms of time allocation of sessions
 - 71% agreed there was a good selection
 - 80% agreed sessions were varied and valuable
 - 80% agreed sessions were relevant to their role
 - ▷ Comments from staff will be helpful for future planning.
- **March 13th** - next ½ day PD for teachers

Techspo '24

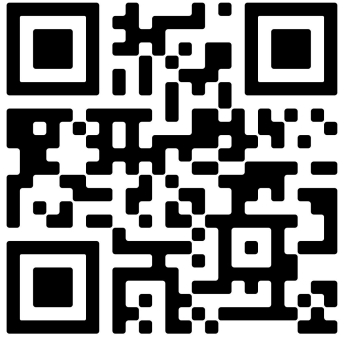
- NJ Association of School Administrators
- Conference in Atlantic City - January 24th - 26th attended by district leaders throughout the state.
 - ▶ **Dave Santos** presented a session:

Creating a District Technology Plan: A Districtwide Effort

In this session, we will explore the critical aspects of developing a comprehensive K-12 technology plan that empowers both educators and students in the digital age. Attendees can expect to learn how to involve stakeholders, set clear goals, allocate resources effectively, and align technology initiatives with educational objectives. This is an opportunity to gain insights and tools for creating a technology plan that transforms learning experiences districtwide, sets strategic direction, data-driven decision making, better parent/community engagement, and continuous technology improvement.

Presenter:

David Santos
Director of Information Technology
Mountain Lakes School District



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Title I Programs

Briarcliff & MLHS

Before or After School Intervention

- ▶ Students identified based on academic need.
- ▶ Consent form obtained by principals.
- ▶ Intervention taught by certificated teachers.



We will be offering a wide range of classes that extend across all grade levels (K-12) and many subject areas. Use the navigation on the left side of the site to toggle to the other pages (High School, Middle School, Elementary Level, Credit Bearing).

The Summer Academy courses will be running between **Monday, June 24th and Friday, July 26th**. Course duration ranges from one to five weeks in length. [NO classes will run on Thursday, July 4th.](#)

IMPORTANT: The grade levels listed per course are for the **grade level your child will be enrolled in for the 2024-2025 school year.**

Mountain Lakes Summer Academy

June 24th to July 26th

Academy Principals:

- Rick Mangili
- Lisa Cortese



Letter with registration
information coming soon!



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Our maps contain the following information:

1. Course Title & Description
2. Unit Titles & Timeline
3. Unit Standards
 - o NJSL:
 - Unit Standards determine what is explicitly taught and assessed in the unit. These are the standards required by the New Jersey Department of Education.
 - o Career Readiness, Life Literacies, & Key Skills:
 - Standards that show evidence of integration of 21st-century life and careers in every content area.
 - o Computer Science & Design Thinking
 - Standards that show evidence of integration of technology in every content area.
4. Essential Questions
 - o Essential questions are creative question(s) that provoke deep thought, lively discussion.

[Welcome to the Mountain Lakes School District Curriculum Website](#)

We are pleased to share our district curriculum for each grade level and subject area through our curriculum maps. A curriculum map is a tool for organizing expectations for what students should know and be able to do in each subject, each year. While we hope that you will regard these maps as valuable for understanding what our students are learning, they are outlines and do not capture the rich, multi-dimensional curricula we teach daily in our classrooms. They represent the ongoing efforts of teachers and administrators of the Mountain Lakes School District to align our curriculum to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. It is important to note that a curriculum map is not a daily lesson plan. Maps do not mean that teachers will be following a prescribed timetable for the presentation of material or that all teachers follow specific activities, assignments, or assessments. Teachers have the professional latitude to use maps as a guide and tailor instruction to meet the individual needs of students in a particular class. Please use them as a guide to better understand our K-12 scope and sequence. As educators, we constantly strive to make our curriculum more effective, meaningful, and cohesive. Therefore, these maps present a living curriculum, one that is dynamic and responsive to the changing needs of students and the world.

Please note that our maps are a work in progress. Some curriculum documents are either in a Google Document or PDF format while newer curricula have been written using the Atlas unit template. As new curricula are written or updated, eventually all of our curricula will be in the Atlas format.



Public Portal

- **Access to district curriculum**



Information coming soon!

2023-24 Superintendent & Assistant Superintendent Coffee Talk Series

✓ October 17 @ 9:00 a.m. (MLHS Media Center)

✓ December 13 @ 12:00 p.m. (Virtual)

February 8 @ 7:00 p.m. (MLHS Media Center)

April 23 @ 9:00 a.m. (Virtual)

**Thank
You!**

Questions?