

Thornton  
Township High  
School District  
205

Board of  
Education  
Meeting

April 9, 2014

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# Open Session

# Roll Call

# Pledge of Allegiance





# Committee of the Whole

- Report from Curriculum Committee
- Report from Finance Committee
- Report from Policy Committee
- Report from Discipline Committee

# Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 12, 2014
- Approval of District 205 Bills for the months of October 2013, November 2013, December 2013, January 2014, February 2014, March 2014 and April 1-4, 2014
- Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absences and Employments dated: November 13, 2013, December 11, 2013, January 3, 2014, February 12, 2014, March 12, 2014 and April 9, 2014



# Public Participation

We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

In addition, if your comments are of a crucial nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”

Your name will not be called if you do not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.

# FOIA

- Mr. Jerry Doss



# Communications

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# Communications

## District News

Saturday April 5th, 48 students from District 205 traveled to Northern Illinois University for a Latino Student Empowerment Conference sponsored by the Latino Student Alliance at NIU. This conference taught our students the value of their past, the appreciation of their present, and the changes needed for their future.



# Communications

## District News

Students from D205 visited the Caterpillar Visitors Center in Peoria on Thursday, March 28th to get a hands on feel of what careers and opportunities are available for them.



# Communications

## Thornridge High School News

Congratulations to **TR Senior Swayne Roland**  
on being a Gates Millennium Scholarship  
Finalist.



# Communications

## Thornridge High School News

Congratulations to **TR's Group Interp Team** who placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the Thornton Sectional Tournament on March 21<sup>st</sup> and placed 6<sup>th</sup> at the IHSA State Competition in Springfield on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to **directors Yvonne Nesbitt, Nora Nerius, LaQuita Densley**, and cast members **Scott Brooks, Corey Jackson, Rodney Jackson, Tiera Sterling, Jarron Williams, Jewelle Vernon, Deja Dade, Tiffany Haritos**, as well as **Michael Whitman** and his musicians/crew members **Mario Humphries, Miyah Edwards, and Mesha Whitaker**.

# Communications

## Thornridge High School News

Congratulations to **Thornridge's Girls Track Team** who finished 2nd overall at the Battle of Borders Meet held at TR.



# Communications

## Thornridge High School News

On Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> Thornridge held both **Incoming Freshman Night and Advanced Program Showcase**. Over 180 community members attended this event. Parents received information on all of the advanced programs that Thornridge has to offer. Due to last evenings events we have already experienced increased student interest in many of these advanced program.



# Communications

## Thornridge High School News

The **TR Fashion Focus Club** presents its 2nd annual Fashion Show “The Look Book”

On Friday, April 11, 2014  
at 6:00pm in the  
student café.

Tickets are \$3 for students and  
\$5 for adults.

Thornridge  
Fashion Focus Club  
Presents

**THE LOOK BOOK  
CHICAGO  
SPRING COLLECTION**

*2014*

Thornridge High School  
April 11th, 2014  
6:00pm-Student Café

Tickets: \$3.00 for students  
\$5.00 for adults

Chicago based fashion club members of  
Thornridge High School are back at it  
again for our second fashion show!  
Come and see the Spring Collections  
of 2014 at Thornridge High School!

For Any Questions Please Contact  
Mrs. Robinson or a  
Fashion Focus Club Member

Fashions  
By  
Javon  
Everett

**DISTINCT HABITS**

Sauvage Goods Fine Linen Co.

Approved by Ms. Ousley



# Communications



Join us as we  
*Celebrate the Legacy*  
of our very own  
*Mr. David Eanes*



Saturday, May 24, 2014 @ 6pm  
Lansing Country Club  
18600 Wentworth Avenue, Lansing, IL



# Communications

## Thornton Township High School News

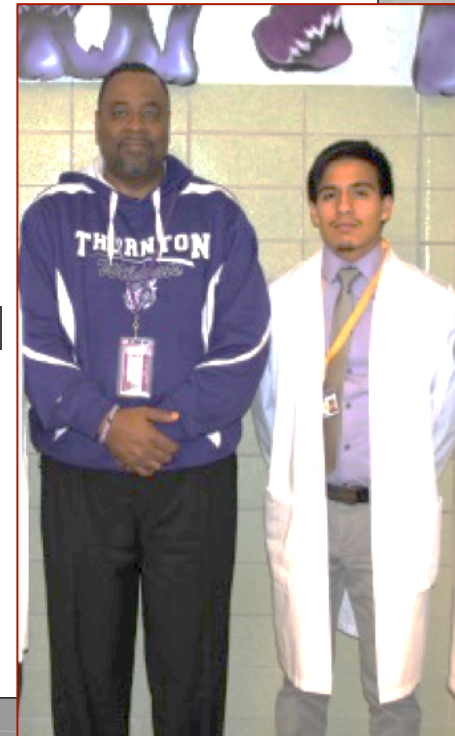
- **6 Thornton students** have been awarded the Ingalls Hospital Community Scholarship.
- Five of the 6 students have either completed (1) or are currently enrolled (4) in the Pharm Tech Program.
- The one completed Pharm Tech student is currently enrolled in Nanosci-I.

# Communications

## Thornton Township High School News

Congratulations to Thornton Senior & Pre-Pharm Program student, **Luis Ceron**, who has been selected by the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) of Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine as one of its 2014 Scholars.

He will participate in the 2014 National Medical Conference this summer with all expenses paid by SNMA Feinberg Med School.



# Communications

## Thornton Township High School News

Congratulations to  
**Thornton's Justin Taylor**  
for being selected for the  
Southtown Star 2013-14  
All Area Boys Basketball team.





# Communications

## Thornwood High School News

Congratulations to  
**Thornwood's Rashaad Alexander**  
for being selected for the  
2013-14  
All Area Boys Basketball Team.



# Communications

## Thornwood High School News

Congratulations to Boys Varsity head coach,

**Paul Slavich,**

for being named the

Southtown Star 2013-14

BoysBasketball Coach of the Year



# Communications

## Thornwood High School News

Congratulations to the **Thornwood Special Olympics Basketball Team** who won 1st place at the state competition. Special thanks to Danielle Jania, Mary Wimmer & Kathy Bowlds. Also special thanks to coaches: Lisa Zuccolo, Denard Eaves, Billy Bundy, Jennifer Kilian and who work diligently with the students.

### **TW's Special Olympics Basketball Athletes are:**

- \* Tyshaun Barnes
- \* Marcellus Jenkins
- \* Migual Castillo
- \* Charles Robinson
  - \* Antonio Carr
  - \* Ryan Howard
  - \* Cleatis Nash

# Communications

## Thornwood High School News

### *Math Matinee*

On March 19, students at Thornwood High School hosted a day to celebrate math for junior high school students at feeder schools. The students were able to do math-related experiments, participate in hands-on projects and use technology to watch math leap off the page into life.

Special thanks to Kelly Danielson!

[Click Here for Video](#)



# Upcoming Events

## April

**Apr. 12 – ACT Test**

**Apr. 18 – Good Friday: NO SCHOOL**

**Apr. 20 – Easter Holiday**

**Apr. 23 – PSAE Testing: JUNIORS ONLY**

**Apr. 24 – PSAE Testing: NO SENIORS**

**Apr. 30 – Late Start**

# Upcoming Events

## May

**May 1 – Physics Phestival, Thornwood H.S., 10am**

**May 3 – SAT Test**

**May 5 – Finance Committee Meeting, District Office,  
9am**

**May 9 – ACT Registration Deadline for June 14  
SAT Registration Deadline for June 7**

**May 13 – Student Board Meeting, 4pm, Thornwood**

**May 14 – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30pm,  
Thornwood**



# Unfinished Business

# New Business

- Ratification of Overnight Field Trip for the Thornridge Group Interpretation (GI) Team (*Policy Section 4:28*) –  
**Mr. Walton**



# New Business

- Recommended Approval of Overnight Field Trip for the Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) (*Policy Section 4:28*)

**Mr. Walton (Approval Needed)**

# New Business

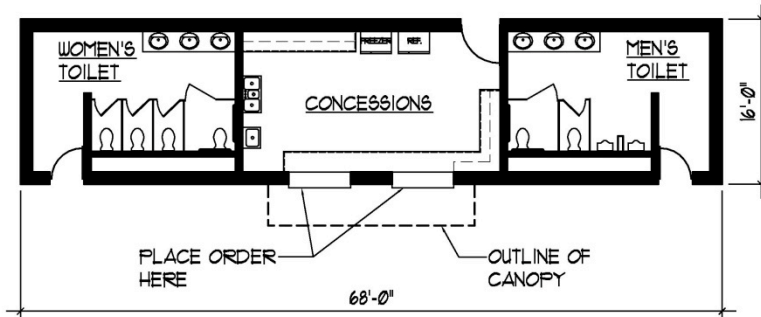
- Recommended Approval of Universal Dental –  
**Mr. Fickes (*Approval Needed*)**

# New Business

- Recommended Approval of the District 205 Bowling Team –  
**Mr. Fickes (*Approval Needed*)**

# New Business

- Recommended Approval for Option 2 for the Thornwood and Thornton Concession Stands –  
**Mr. Charnot (*Approval Needed*)**



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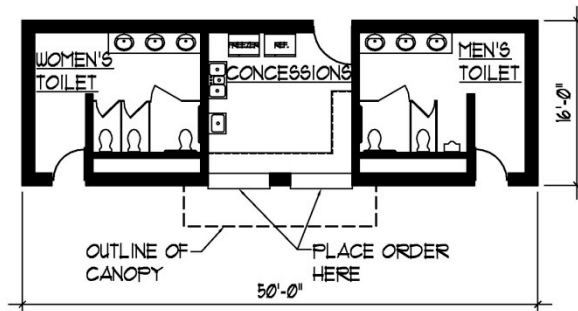
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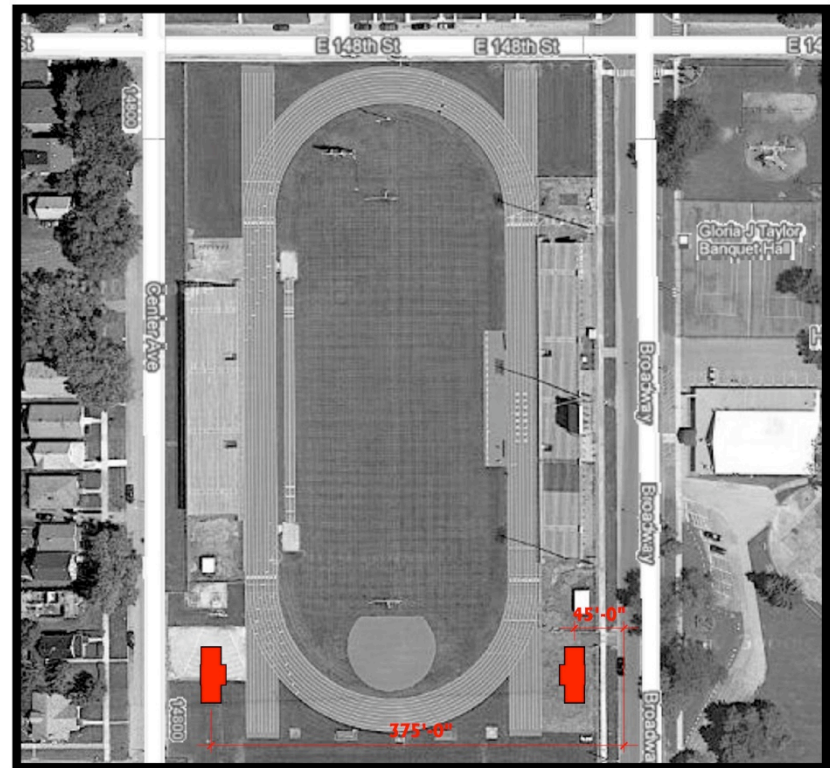




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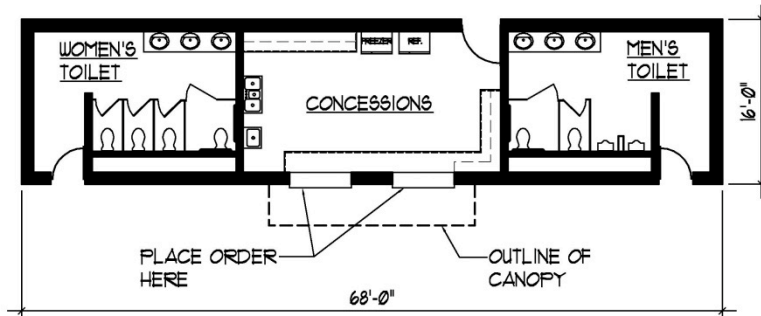


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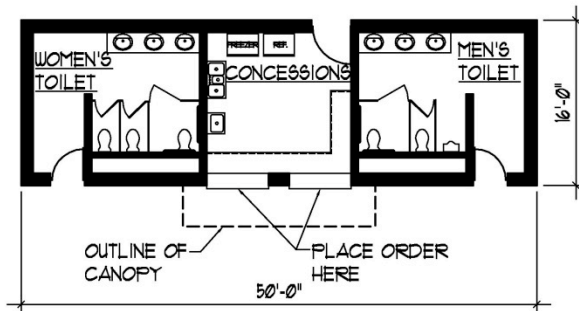
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# Superintendent's Report

# 2013-2014 Leadership Academy

Teachers participated in the six sessions which are described below. This academy strongly demonstrates the Board's commitment to investing in building the capacity and skills of District 205's teachers.

<b>Session 1</b> <b>"Vision – "Finding the Leader Within"</b>	Participants will explore the universal concept of leadership and complete an assessment to identify their personal strengths.
<b>Session 2</b> <b>"Change Management"</b>	The principal as the catalyst for change will be introduced along with exploring the stages of the change process.
<b>Session 3</b> <b>"Supervising and Leading Instruction"</b>	The role of the principal as the instructional leader will be examined using Charlotte Danielson's Framework for Teaching and Learning.
<b>Session 4</b> <b>"Team Development"</b>	Strategies for building and maintaining an effective team will be explored.
<b>Session 5</b> <b>"The Four Frames: An Analysis Tool"</b>	The leader's ability to problem solve more effectively using Bolman and Deal's four frames as an analysis tool will be addressed.
<b>Session 6</b> <b>"The Case Study: District 205 Application"</b>	Utilizing knowledge and processes learned during the Academy, participants will problem solve real issues facing the district.

# 2013-2014 Leadership Academy

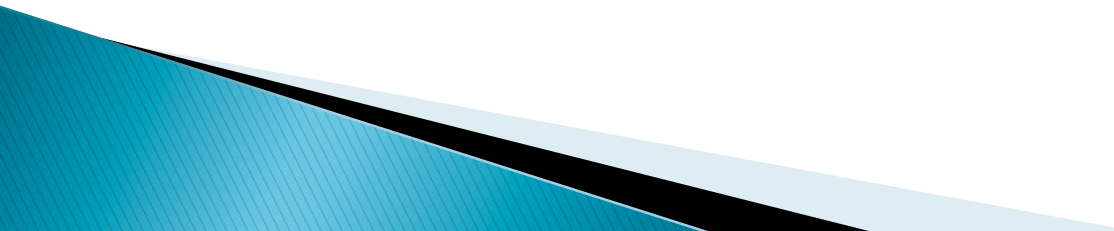
The following teachers participated in the academy:

Michael Skawinski	Jennifer Kuyper	Erica Mcghee
Michael Rouse	Sherita Robinson	Jacquelin Woods
Dwayne Bearden	Michael Thomas	Linda Johnson
Kimberly Hodges	Rita Stoncius	Lilcritia Coleman
Marie Alexander	Carolyn Strong	Paul Fritz
Veronica Mosley-Raggs	Stacey Jones	Lynn Atchison
Andrea January	William Lawrence	Carl Martikean
Tyran Cox-Bey	Lashunda Fleming-Willis	Elaine Harris
Samuel Agyarko	Nikita Coleman	Shannon Allred
Andrea Deyoung		

# SCIENCE UPDATE

Cindy Morris, Area Instructional Leader

# Current Courses

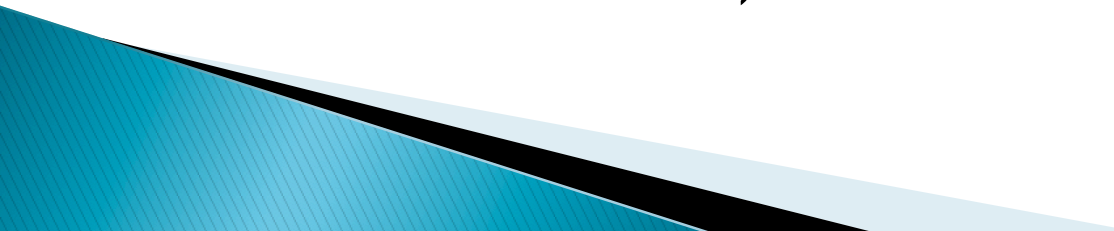
- ▶ Biology
  - ▶ Chemistry
  - ▶ Physics
  
  - ▶ Honors Level and AP
  - ▶ Anatomy and Physiology
  - ▶ Earth and Environmental Science
  - ▶ Biomedical
  - ▶ Forensics
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# Alignment of Curriculum

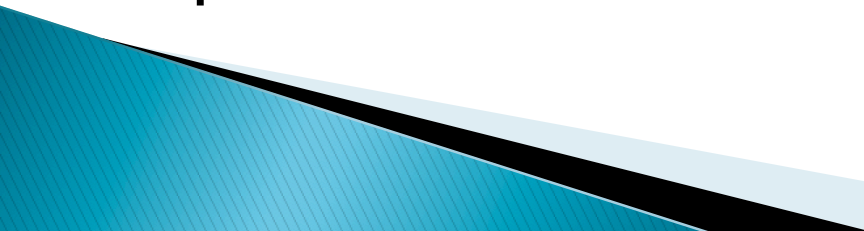
- ▶ ACT– College Readiness Standards
- ▶ ISBE– Illinois Learning Standards for Science
- ▶ Work Keys



# ACT Science Reasoning

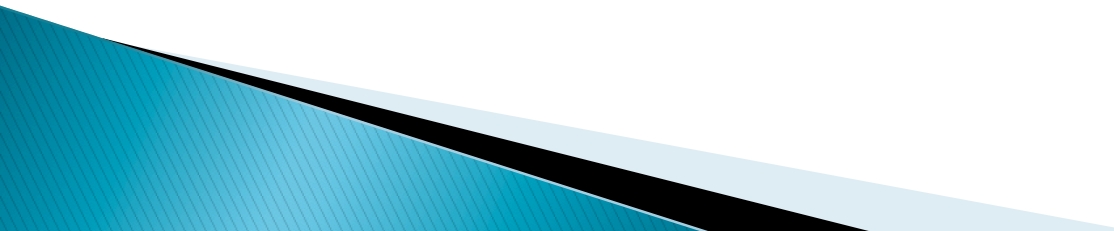
- ▶ The test presents several sets of scientific information, each followed by a number of multiple-choice test questions. The scientific information is presented in one of three different formats:
  - ▶ data representation (graphs, tables, and other schematic forms)
  - ▶ research summaries (descriptions of one or more related experiments)
  - ▶ conflicting viewpoints (expressions of several related hypotheses or views that are inconsistent with one another)
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# The questions require you to:

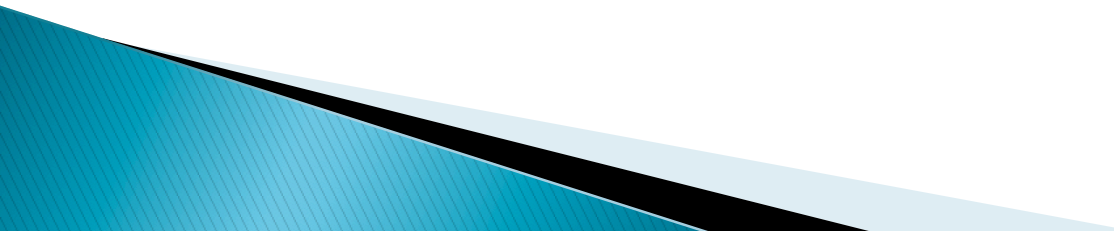
- ▶ recognize and understand the basic features of, and concepts related to, the provided information
  - ▶ examine critically the relationship between the information provided and the conclusions drawn or hypotheses developed
  - ▶ generalize from given information and draw conclusions, gain new information, or make predictions
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# Preparation for ACT Science

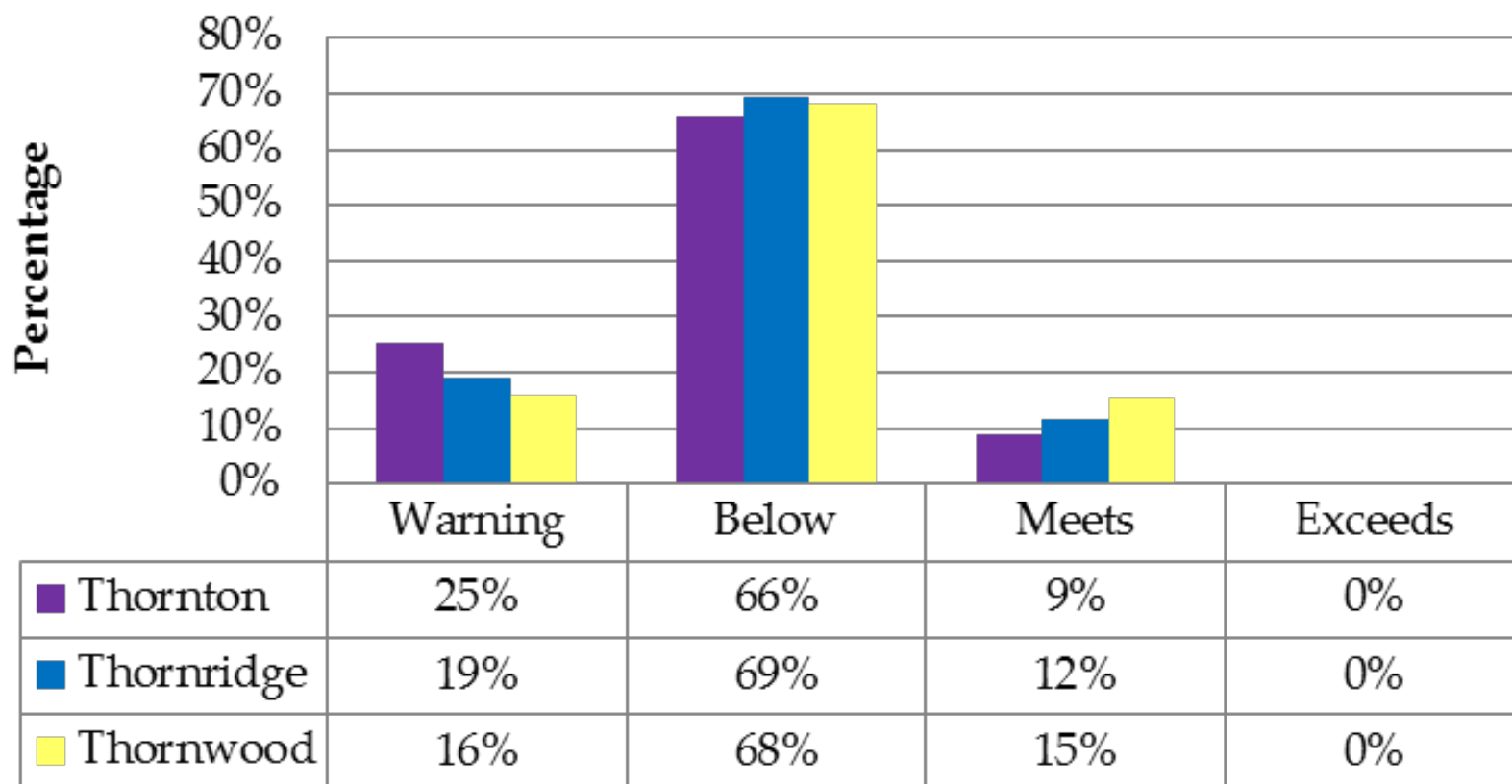
- ▶ The test assumes that students are in the process of taking the core science course of study (three years or more) that will prepare them for college-level work.
  - ▶ The Science Test is a 40-question, 35-minute test that measures the skills required in the natural sciences: interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem solving.
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# ISBE Science Test–Day 2

- ▶ The test measures the Illinois Learning Standards for science contained in State Goals 11 through 13:
  - ▶ scientific inquiry;
  - ▶ the life sciences;
  - ▶ physical sciences (physics and chemistry);
  - ▶ Earth and space sciences;
  - ▶ concepts that describe the interaction between science, technology, and society
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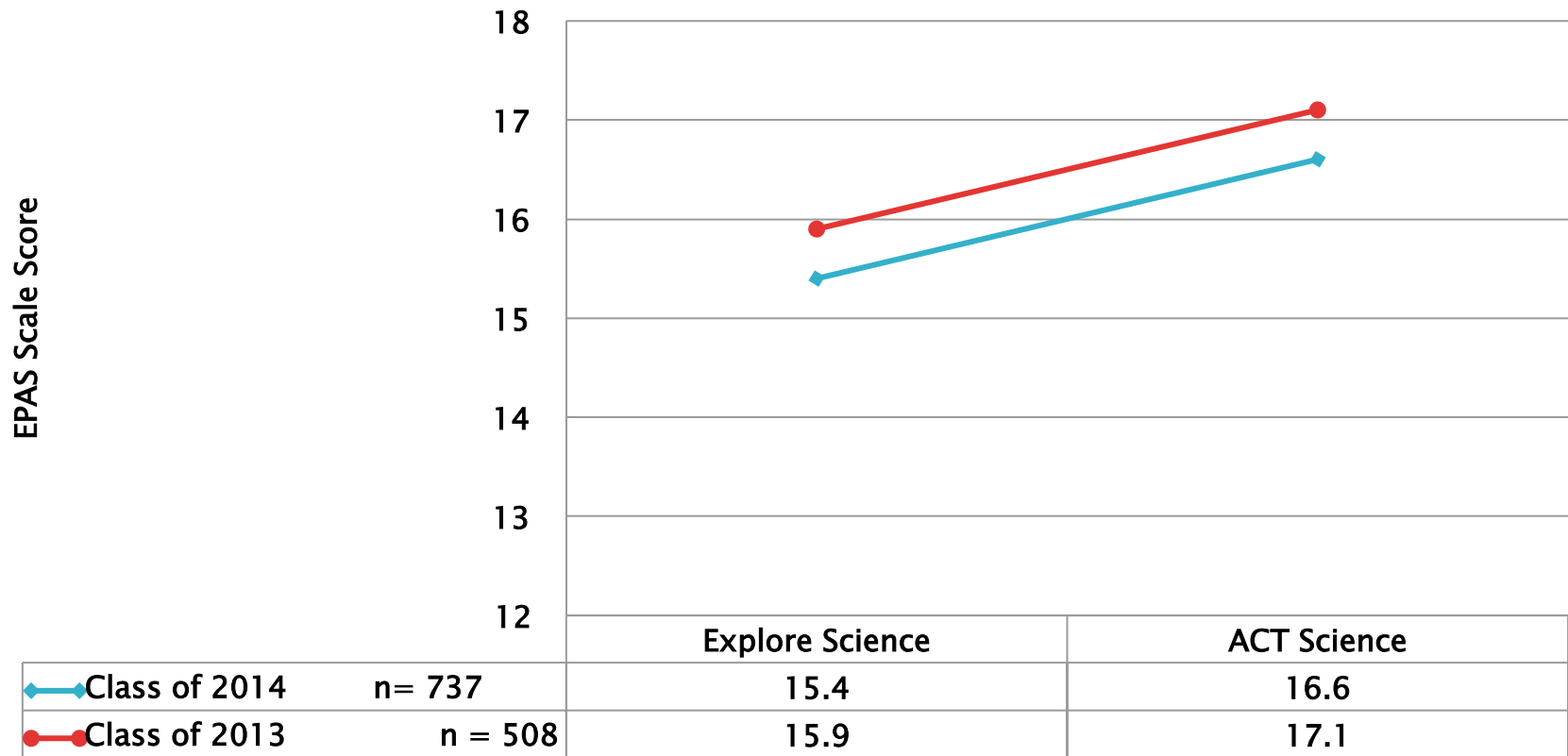
# Class of 2014

## PSAE Science

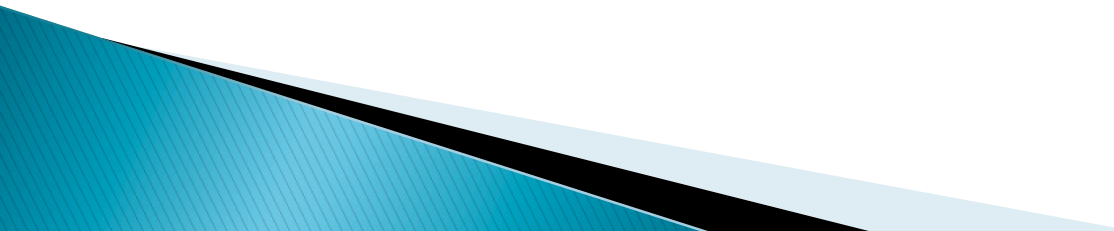


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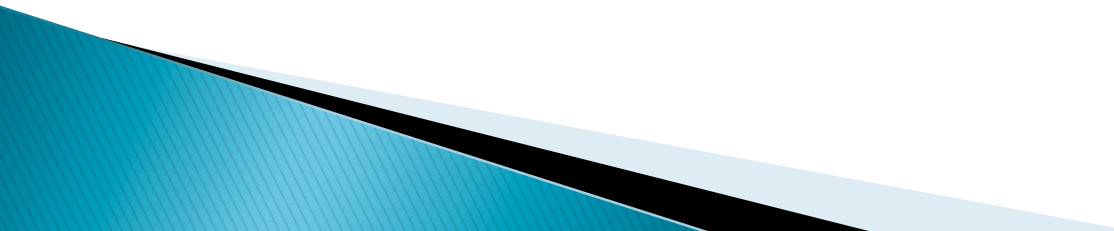
D205 Explore08/ACT Science Comparison  
c/o 2013/2014



# Interim Assessments

- ▶ Biology, Chemistry and Physics classes take interim assessments to help teachers support student learning
  - ▶ Biology has Unit Pre/Post aligned to CRS
  - ▶ Chemistry has ACT Science Passages
  - ▶ Physics has ACT Reading and Science Passages
  - ▶ Teachers meet with AIL and Data Coaches to interpret data
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# PSAE plan

- ▶ Work Keys Wednesdays
  - ▶ PSAE Thursdays
  - ▶ Engaging Curriculum
  - ▶ Reading strategies aligned to Common Core and supported by Literacy Coaches
  - ▶ Feedback and coaching/mentoring for students
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# New Standards are Official in Illinois as of March 2014

- ▶ College and Career Readiness
- ▶ Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)



# New curriculum is coming

All science courses need to be revised, all science teachers need to be trained, all students need to be prepared for success.





# Weather Stations at All Buildings



# Integrated real-world instruction and STEM content

Learner Centered Lessons

Graphing

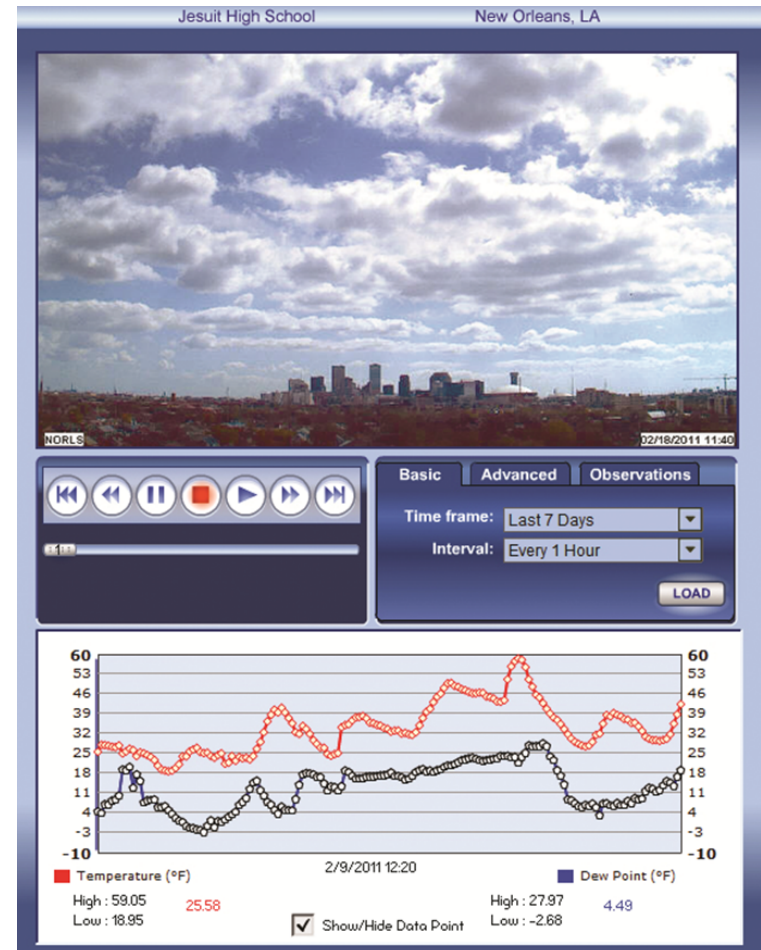
Activity Explorer – State Aligned Lessons

Live and Time-Lapse Images

Storm Central

Map Gallery


Built-in AYC Training Modules



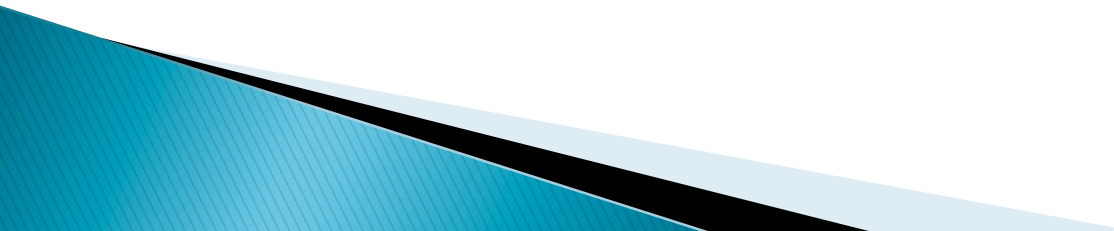
# Project READi

OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT 9th  
GRADE BIOLOGY INSTRUCTION ALIGNED TO COMMON  
CORE AND NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS

The University of Illinois at Chicago is working with our  
**9th grade biology teachers** who are  
interested in implementing an instructional approach to  
biology teaching and learning – an approach that  
focuses on the practices of science as described in the  
Next Generation Science Standards. This approach is  
the result of an ongoing, collaborative process among  
classroom teachers and university-based researcher/  
educators that began 3 years ago with funding from  
the U.S. Department of Education's Institute for  
Education Sciences.



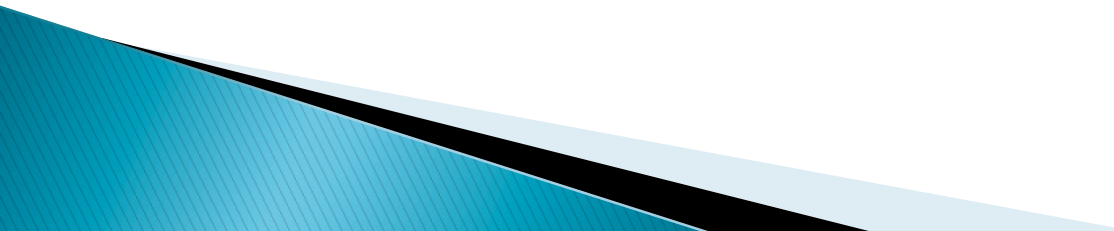
# Active Articulation

- ▶ We meet with middle school teachers 3 times a year. All sender schools are represented.
  - ▶ Biology Bowl,
  - ▶ Chemistry Carnival,
  - ▶ Physics Phestival
  - ▶ TTTLP Area Science Fair
  - ▶ NGSS alignment and training
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# Coming SOON to Dist. 205

- ▶ Senior Project is being re-created. I am Co-Chairing the Committee.
  - ▶ With the help of the Student Board we will present a new structure to help students be College and Career Ready.
  - ▶ It will be more flexible and designed to meet diverse needs.
  - ▶ It will be cost effective.
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# Executive Session

- Closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to consider student disciplinary matters; the appointment of employment, compensation, discipline or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and litigation




# Reconvene Open Session



# Action Items on Executive Session Discussion

- Student Discipline Case No. 05-TW-1314-1 & TT-1314-2
- Motion to approve IEA-NEA Grievance response for
  - Grievance No. 030414
  - Grievance No. 030414
  - Grievance No. 120613
  - Grievance No. 120913
  - Grievance No. 121013
  - Grievance No. 011414
  - Grievance No. 012313
  - Grievance No. 031413
  - Grievance No. 021014
- Motion to approve Non-Renewal and dismissal of probationary teachers

# Adjournment



**Next Regular Meeting  
May 14, 2014  
6:30 p.m.  
Thornwood H.S.**