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Curriculum and Instruction Committee
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Curriculum

New/Revised	Department	Subject
Revised	ELA	Kindergarten, Becoming Avid Readers
Revised	ELA	Kindergarten, Bigger Books, Bigger Reading Muscles
Revised	ELA	Kindergarten, Emergent Reading
Revised	ELA	Kindergarten, Growing Expertise in Little Books
Revised	ELA	Kindergarten, Super Powers
Revised	ELA	Kindergarten, We are Readers
New Unit	ELA	Kindergarten, Giving the Gift of Reading
Revised	ELA	Grade 1, Building Good Reading Habits
Revised	ELA	Grade 1, Learning About the World
Revised	ELA	Grade 1, Meeting Characters and Learning Lessons
Revised	ELA	Grade1 , Readers Get to Know Characters By Performing Their Books
Revised	ELA	Grade 1, Readers Have Big Jobs to Do
Revised	ELA	Grade 1, Reading Nonfiction Cover to Cover
Revised	ELA	Grade 1, Word Detectives
Revised	ELA	Grade 4, Interpreting Characters
Revised	ELA	Grade 4, Reading History
Revised	ELA	Grade 4, Reading the Weather, Reading the World
Revised	ELA	Grade 5, Reading in the Content Area (Westward Expansion)
Revised	ELA	Grade 5, Interpretation Book Clubs
Revised	ELA	Grade 5, Tackling Complexity: Moving Up Levels of Nonfiction
New Unit	ELA	Grade 5, Maintaining an Independent Reading Life
Revised	ELA	Grade 6, Deep Study of Character
Revised	ELA	Grade 6, Researched Based Writing (Argument Writing)
New	ELA	Grade 7, Writing Realistic Fiction (Needs Special Edu/ELL)
New	ELA	Grade 7, Building a Vibrant Reading Life (Needs Special Edu/ELL)
New	ELA	Grade 7, Building a Writing Life
Revised	ELA	Grade 8, Writing Investigative Journalism
Revised	ELA	Grade 8, The Literary Essay: Analyzing Craft and Theme
New	ELA	Grade 8, Restarting a Writing Life - From Notebooks to Independent Projects

New	ELA	Grade 8, Getting Back into Independent Reading and Building a Vibrant Reading Life
Revised	ELA	Grade 8, Memoir Unit Plan
Revised	ELA	Grade 9, English 1 - Reading and Writing
Revised	ELA	Grade 10, English 2 - Reading and Writing
Revised	ELA	Grade 11, English 3 - Reading and Writing
New	ELA	Grade 11, English 3HN/ Literature of the African Diaspora
Revised	World Languages	French II/II HN
New	Special Services	Elementary Self-Contained Autism and Multiple Disabilities (all subjects)
New	Special Services	Middle School Self-Contained Autism and Multiple Disabilities (all subjects)
New	Special Services	High School Self-Contained Autism and Multiple Disabilities (all subjects)
New	Special Services	Intermediate Self-Contained Autism and Multiple Disabilities (all subjects)
Revised	Fine Arts	Grades 6-8, Band
Revised	Fine Arts	Grade 6-8 String
Revised	Fine Arts	Design
Revised	Fine Arts	Elementary Band
Revised	Fine Arts	Elementary Orchestra
Revised	Fine Arts	Film 1
Revised	Fine Arts	Film 2
Revised	Fine Arts	Grades K-5 General Music

Summer School

- Enrollment - Demographics

(See Attachment)

Planning for 2020-2021 School Year

Task Force

- Teachers continue to work on first units of each subject/class curricula so that lessons are consistent throughout the district. Canvas professional development has been scheduled - August 18 – September 3rd. We will have a second round of professional development in September. We are also looking into bringing in more professional development that will focus on using online resources to deliver lessons.

Book Adoption

SUBJECT	GRADE	TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER/DATE
ELA	10 - 12	American Moor	Bloomsbury/Methuen Drama/ March, 2020
Background: This book is a contemporary drama that examines the experiences of African-American men through the metaphor of Shakespeare's character, Othello. Othello is already taught as part of the 10 th grade curriculum and the teaching of American Moor will only enrich instruction. The play is also			

appropriate for use in the other 11th/12th grade electives listed above and meets all selection criteria below.

Preschool

Gen Ed Returning: 74
Program Capacity: 270 [not including self-contained (12)]
Gen Ed Capacity: 180
Sped (inclusion) Capacity: 90
Gen Ed Incoming Capacity: 106
Approximate Number of pre-registrants: 290

Speech Intern Partnerships

We have speech interns coming from:

- Emerson College
- Stockton University

Inclusion Supports

- Toby Karten (Inclusion Workshops) will support district-wide, but will begin primarily at CHS to support students in inclusive classes, such as the electives

Policy Updates

C&I/Special Services

- 1648 Restart and Recovery
- 1648.02 Remote Learning Option for Families (New policy released by Strauss Esmay on 8/3/20. Needs review by Task Force.)
- 5310 Health Services
- 5320 Immunization
- 8451 Control of Communicable Disease
 - R5306 Health Services
 - R5310 Health Services
 - R5320 Immunization
 - R7420.1 Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan
 - R8441 Care of Injured & Ill Persons



Department of Special Services

Preschool Education Program

Dr. Melody Alegria, Assistant Superintendent Special Services
Leroy Johnson III, Supervisor, Preschool Education

July 27, 2020

Dear SOMSD Pre-K Parents/Guardians:

We hope that you and your family are well. Please allow us to provide an update of the District's Preschool Education program and registration for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Department of Preschool Education and Special Services is pleased to announce that our preschool program has been fully funded for the 2020-2021 school year! Therefore, at this time, additional acceptance letters have gone out to families based on our preschool lottery system and current seat capacity. Please be advised that the District may have an opportunity to expand our program throughout the year, which is contingent upon establishing additional partnerships with private childcare providers. The South Orange & Maplewood School District is committed to providing a high-quality preschool education program to all eligible students and remains dedicated in our efforts to expand. All families who did not receive an acceptance letter at this time will remain on the preschool waitlist and be notified if and when a seat becomes available.

We thank you for your patience during this unprecedented time. Please email us at prekregistration@somsd.k12.nj.us with any questions. Be safe and well.

Sincerely,

Melody Alegria, Ed.D & Leroy Johnson III