

May 5, 2025

Welcome to Mapleton Public Schools! We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into the Mapleton Public Schools Family. This year, our theme is ***Charting the Course!*** We are grateful that you have chosen to be a part of this team and believe your talents, passion and commitment will exponentially impact the lives of our students and the entire MPS community. Our New Teacher Orientation is scheduled for *July 30th through August 1st* at the Skyview Student Center, 8990 York St., Thornton, 80229.

Day 1, July 30th (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

- The first day of orientation will start at 8:00am with a welcome from our Superintendent, Mike Crawford, and our Deputy Superintendent, Erica Branscum.
- The purpose of our time together on Day 1 is to create a shared understanding of our district and the community we serve.

Day 2, July 31st (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

- **Instruction and Resources:** We will engage in learning around the rigorous curriculum design process, to include creating pacing guides, unpacking standards, rigorous assessment, and the importance of analyzing the curricular resource to ensure access and opportunity to grade level learning for every student.
- Please bring the district adopted curriculum resource as we will engage in training around these materials. For elementary school teachers, we will focus on Bridges Math. All other teachers will need to bring their content area resources.

Day 3, August 1st (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

- **Connection to School:** For our final day, we will consider connections to school models, initiatives, and other important details.
- Teachers will have an opportunity to differentiate their learning based on early childhood, literacy, special education, or school model.

All teachers new to the profession will be provided with a mentor, either in the form of an Instructional Guide, or a Content Mentor. More information regarding mentoring will be provided at New Teacher Orientation.

Please bring your iPad or laptop to these sessions, along with available curricular resources. The dress code for NTO is business casual (no shorts or jeans, please). If you have any questions regarding NTO, please contact Tiffany Watson @ 303-853-1031.

As we move into the school year, Mapleton will focus on the support of our growing population of multilingual learners with embedded language support during Tier 1 instruction. All Mapleton teachers will receive training in E.L. Achieve's Constructing Meaning. "Constructing Meaning is



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explicit language instruction to support grade-level content learning in English. Analysis of the language demands becomes part of lessons planning so that both language and content goals are considered. It occurs throughout the day, and across all subject areas. Subject-specific language is differentiated by students' English proficiency levels, so each student is equipped to think, discuss, read, and write to the lesson goals." As this training is required, we will be offering several different options to meet your needs. More information to follow.

Sincerely,

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