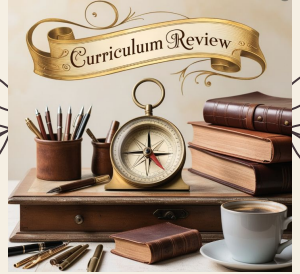

IPS Curriculum Review Cycle Presentation For the School Committee

April 17, 2025

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Director of Teaching & Learning

Presentation Overview:

I. What is a Curriculum Review Cycle, and why do we have one?

II. What is our district's Curriculum Review Cycle, and how do we use it?

III. What are the tangible outcomes of our Curriculum Review Cycle?

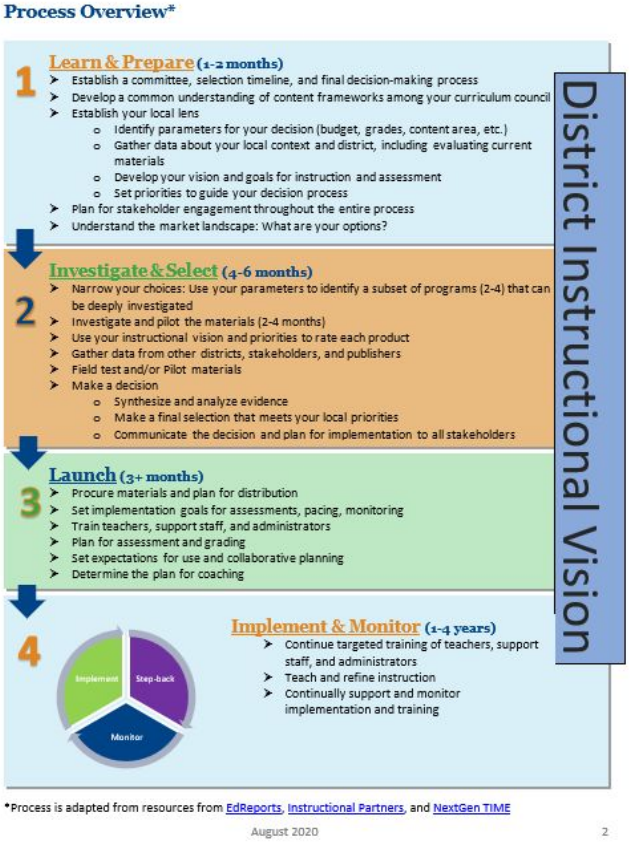
IV. How do we know our Curriculum Review Cycle is working?

V. Q & A

What is a Curriculum Review Cycle, and why do we have one?

DESE guidance is that districts need a clear process for evaluating and selecting high-quality curriculum and materials.

Quick Reference Guide: Evaluating and Selecting High-Quality Instructional Materials Process, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Curriculum & Instruction, August 2020



What is our district's Curriculum Review Cycle, and how do we use it?

- First five years = **2018-2023**
  - Follows the timeline of Frameworks and standards being published by DESE
  - Provides the way in which we collaborate to review our curriculum against new standards, and research options for the gaps & identified needs.

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Pre-K - 12 Curriculum Review & Successful Habits of Mind Cycle, 2018-2023

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Habit of Mind Focus:	Critical Thinking & Creativity II	Critical Thinking & Self Management I	Critical Thinking & Self Management II	Critical Thinking & Perseverance I	Critical Thinking & Perseverance II
Review, Unpack & Plan	History & Social Sciences World Language	Arts English Language Arts & Literacy	Social Justice Comprehensive Health World Language	English Language Development	English Language Arts & Literacy Science & Technology Engineering
Develop & Implement	Digital Literacy & Computer Science	History & Social Sciences World Language	Arts English Language Arts & Literacy	Comprehensive Health World Language	English Language Development
Develop & Implement	Mathematics Science & Technology Engineering	Digital Literacy & Computer Science	History & Social Sciences	Arts English Language Arts & Literacy	Comprehensive Health World Language
Develop & Implement		Mathematics Science & Technology Engineering	Digital Literacy & Computer Science	History & Social Sciences	Arts Mathematics
Assess & Revise			Mathematics Science & Technology Engineering	Digital Literacy & Computer Science	History & Social Sciences
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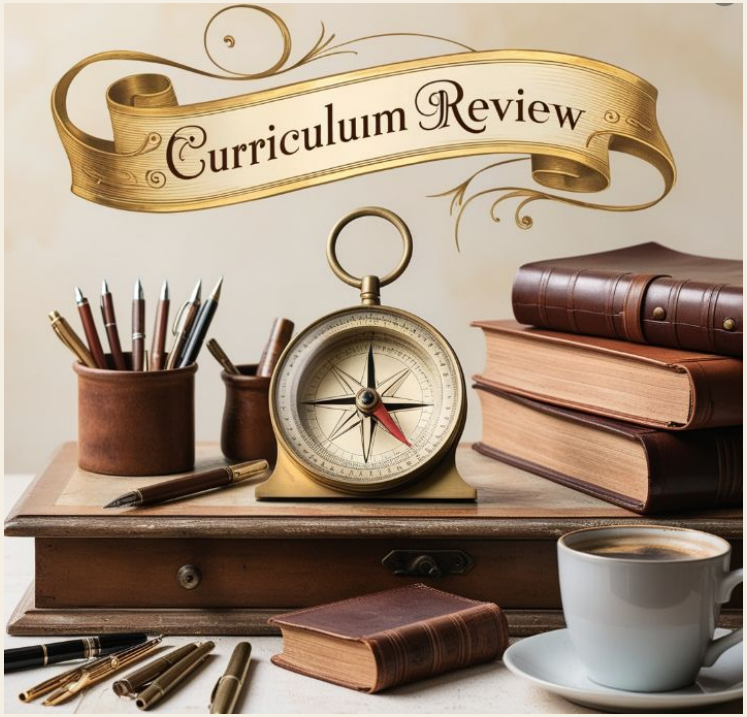

- Next five years = **2023-2028**
- Continues to follow DESE Frameworks and standards
    - Provides a way to review curriculum, assess areas of deeper need, and bring in supports

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Pre-K - 12 Curriculum Review & Successful Habits of Mind Cycle, 2023-2028

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Habit of Mind Focus	Collaboration	Communication	Critical Thinking	Self-Management	Perseverance
Review, Unpack & Plan	Digital Literacy & Computer Science Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Framework		Mathematics	History & Social Sciences	English Language Development
Develop & Implement	English Language Arts & Literacy	Digital Literacy & Computer Science Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Framework		Mathematics	History & Social Sciences
Develop & Implement	Science & Technology Engineering	English Language Arts & Literacy	Digital Literacy & Computer Science Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Framework		Mathematics
Develop & Implement	World Language	Science & Technology Engineering	English Language Arts & Literacy	Digital Literacy & Computer Science Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Framework	
Assess & Revise	Arts	World Language	Science & Technology Engineering	English Language Arts & Literacy	Digital Literacy & Computer Science Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Framework
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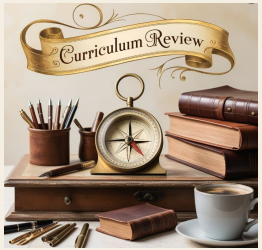
The Compass Committee & Curriculum Review



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Pre-K - 12 Curriculum Review & Successful Habits of Mind Cycle, 2023-2028

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Habit of Mind Focus	Collaboration	Communication	Critical Thinking	Self-Management	Perseverance
Year 1 Review, Unpack & Plan	Digital Literacy & Computer Science Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Framework		Mathematics	History & Social Sciences	English Language Development
Year 2 Develop & Implement	English Language Arts & Literacy	Digital Literacy & Computer Science Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Framework		Mathematics	History & Social Sciences
Year 3 Develop & Implement	Science & Technology Engineering	English Language Arts & Literacy	Digital Literacy & Computer Science Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Framework		Mathematics
Year 4 Develop & Implement	World Language	Science & Technology Engineering	English Language Arts & Literacy	Digital Literacy & Computer Science Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Framework	
Year 5 Assess & Revise	Arts	World Language	Science & Technology Engineering	English Language Arts & Literacy	Digital Literacy & Computer Science Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Framework
Assess & Revise		Arts	World Language	Science & Technology Engineering	English Language Arts & Literacy Science & Technology Engineering

Year 1: Review, Unpack & Plan

Big PreK-12 Compass team -- match up current curriculum with MA standards. Start gap analysis.

Year 2: Develop & Implement

Big PreK-12 Compass team -- Complete gap analysis & vet curriculum options. End year by making recommendations.

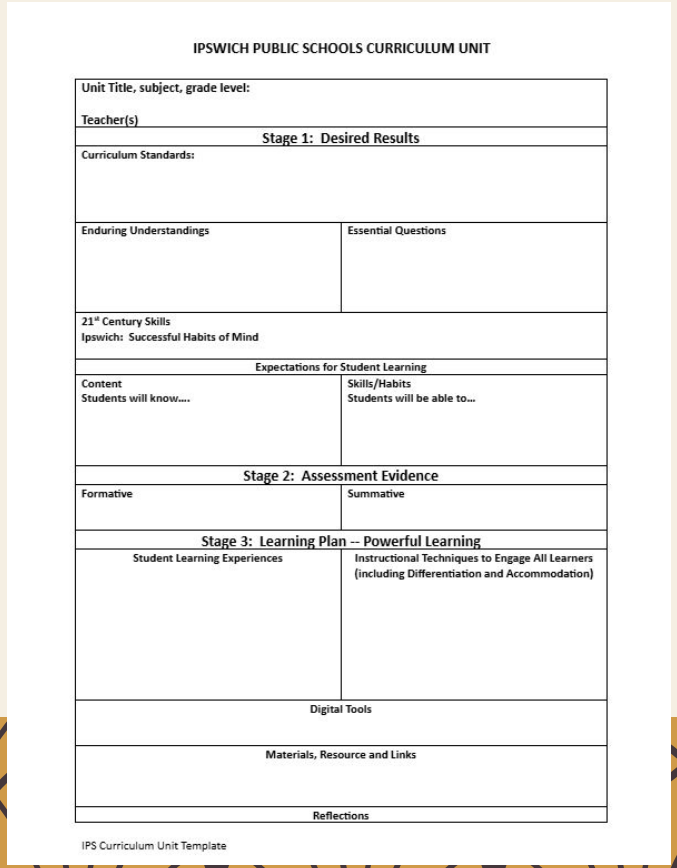
Years 3 & 4: Develop & Implement

More focused Compass team -- Support curriculum adoption.
Learning Cycles

Year 5: Assess & Revise

Very focused Compass team -- Analyze data to check in how how curriculum is supporting student learning. Hone in on needed supports.

III. What are the tangible outcomes of our Curriculum Review Cycle?



IPSWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS CURRICULUM UNIT

Unit Title, subject, grade level: Teacher(s)	
Stage 1: Desired Results	
Curriculum Standards:	
Enduring Understandings	Essential Questions
21st Century Skills Ipswich: Successful Habits of Mind	
Expectations for Student Learning	
Content Students will know....	Skills/Habits Students will be able to...
Stage 2: Assessment Evidence	
Formative	Summative
Stage 3: Learning Plan -- Powerful Learning	
Student Learning Experiences	Instructional Techniques to Engage All Learners (including Differentiation and Accommodation)
Digital Tools	
Materials, Resource and Links	
Reflections	

IPS Curriculum Unit Template

- Elementary curriculum: Wit & Wisdom; Illustrative Math; Social Studies & Science UbD's; Visual Arts; Music; PE & hopefully Health
- IMS: Course-alike standards-based curriculum written in common UbD format; Illustrative Math
- IHS:Course-alike standards-based curriculum written in common UbD format

Illustrative Mathematics
LEARN MATH FOR LIFE

WIT & WISDOM
Curiosity, Inquiry, Knowledge

How do we know our Curriculum Review Cycle is working?

IPS Comprehensive District Review Report, April 2022

"Ipswich has a clearly articulated review cycle and process. The cycle includes reviewing each content area's curriculum to determine alignment to the MA curriculum frameworks, developing and implementing revisions to the curriculum, and finally assessing the effectiveness of the curriculum based on data."

Feedback from Educators

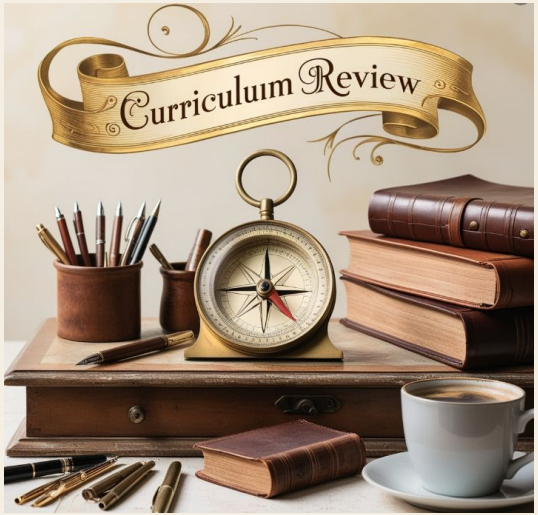
Monthly exit tickets

Feedback after every "Learning Cycles" round

Data Review

Elementary: Beginning of year, mid-year, and end-of-year common assignments; data meetings with coaches

MS & HS: Common assessments through the year & data review



Q&A

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Thank you!