

**Department of Equity,
Curriculum and
Instruction**

Department Updates

September 2019

**MONTCLAIR PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Presentation**



Agenda

- Curriculum
 - Humanities
 - STEM
 - World Language and ESL
 - Health and Physical Education
 - Elective Overviews
- Initiatives
 - Assessment
 - Dyslexia Procedures
 - Students Accelerated in Learning (SAIL)



Humanities

Marcos Vargas, Director of Humanities



New Humanities Curricula

MHS ELA “Patterns”

- Hip-Hop as Modern Literature
 - A new and cutting-edge approach to the analysis of literary texts tracing the rise and proliferation of hip-hop music and culture.
 - Literature of the Diaspora
 - A fresh representation of diverse literature spanning gender and race.
- Both courses provide a much needed alternative for students who wish to explore something outside of the traditional and often Eurocentric English literary canon.
- Fully aligned to NJSLS ELA standards and NJSLA writing sequence.

New Humanities Curricula... cont'd.

MHS ELA

- English 11
 - Newly created “Academic” level for the non-Small Learning Communities eleventh grade classes.
 - Essentially a more traditional alternative to the English “Patterns” which are available beginning in Grade 11.
 - Fully aligned to NJSLS ELA standards and NJSLA writing sequence.

Updated Humanities Curricula

Social Studies 6, 7, 8

- Now fully aligned to the NJSLS in social studies.
- Enhanced to feature both NJ Amistad and NJ Commission on Holocaust Education lessons.

Visual and Performing Arts:

Theatre K-5; 6-8

Visual Arts K-2; 3-5; 6-8

- Now fully aligned to the NJSLS in arts and National Core Arts Standards (NCAS).

Dance 6-8; 9-12 (In-progress)

- Will meet both dance and phys. ed. requirements.

New Legislation

Middle School Financial Literacy

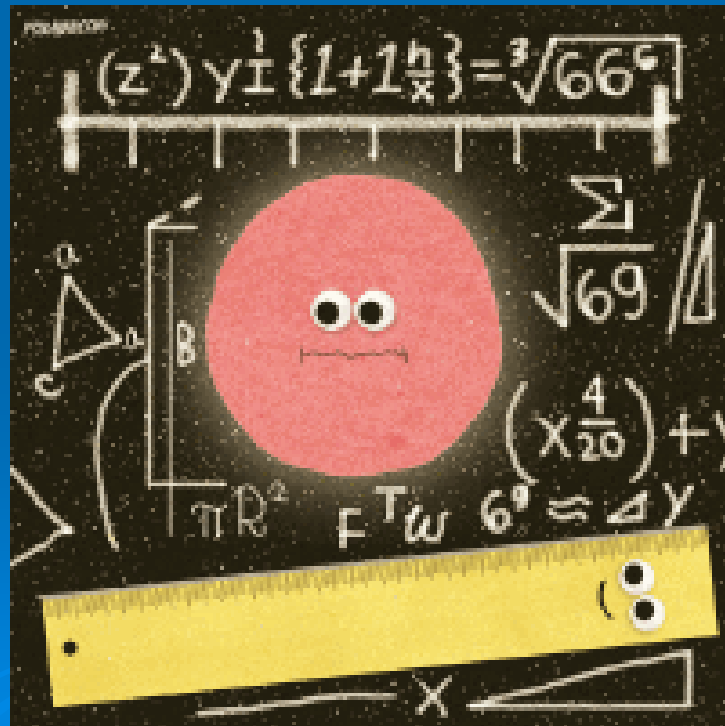
- Effective SY' 2019-2020
- EVERFI Financial Literacy Software will be leveraged to assist in meeting the updated mandate.

LGBTQ-Inclusive Curriculum

- Effective SY' 2020-2021
- Currently partnering with Garden State Equality pilot districts on effective implementation efforts.

STEM

Jennifer Goforth, Director of STEM



Updated Curricula

SCIENCE K-8

- Focus on 3 dimensions of Next Generation Science Standards
 - content
 - practice
 - cross-cutting concepts
- K-5 Focus on FOSS Revised Sequence
- 5-6 Vertical Alignment

Updated Curricula

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH

- Math 6
- Algebra A/B
- Algebra A/B Accelerated
- Focus on alignment between middle schools and revised scope and sequence
- Goal: increase rigor in instruction

Updated Curricula

Geometry Academic - MHS only

Geometry Honors- MS and MHS

- Focus on vertical alignment between MS and HS math for Honors
- Focus on providing adequate support within course for revised levels of math

NEW Curricula

MATH LABS

- Math Lab 6
- Math Lab 7 (Algebra A)
- Math Lab 8 (Algebra B)
- Focus on targeted skills and standards that need to be covered to support middle school math

NEW STEM RESOURCES

➤ **Go Math!**

- K-5 math text
- PD on September 3 for all math teachers

➤ **Defined STEM**

- Watchung, Buzz and MHS resource

➤ **Equatio**

- Replaces math type for 6-12 math and science

➤ **MS Science Flexbooks**

- www.ck12.org Explore- Schools- NJ- MPS
- Chromebooks purchased for daily use

Online Student Resources

➤ **Clever**

- Quick link on district website
- Single sign on system for students and staff to access instructional resources

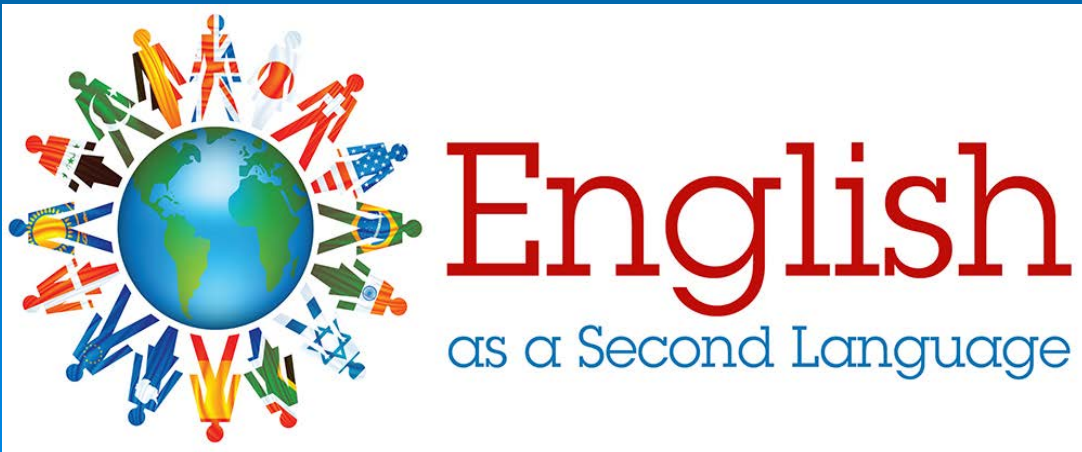
➤ **K-8 MobyMax**- renewed license for 2019-2020

- Online practice and support tool for K-8 students for
 - English Language Arts
 - Math
 - Social Studies
 - Science

World Languages & English as a Second Language

Frank Sedita

Supervisor of World Languages & ESL, K-12



Updated Curricula

Summer 2018:

- Mandarin (K-5)
- Spanish (K-5)

Summer 2019:

- French (Novice I, II & III)
- Mandarin (Novice I, II & III)
- Spanish (Novice I, II & III)

Summer 2020:

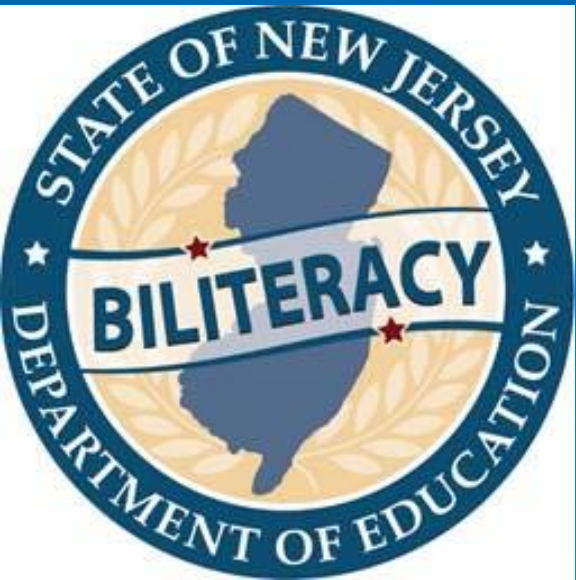
- World Languages (Grades 9-12)



World Language Program Updates

- MPS World Language Instructional Framework
- NJDOE World Languages Model Program
- AVANT STAMP Test (Grades 8 & 12)

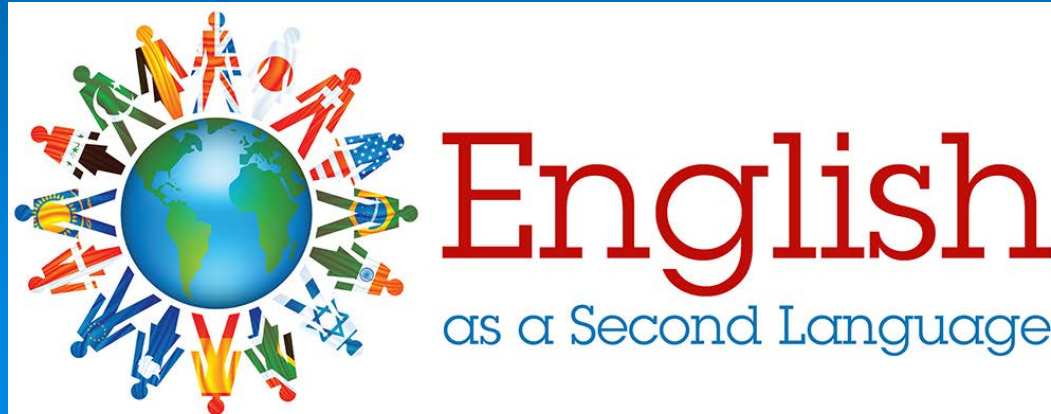
New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy



Updated Curricula

English as a Second Language

- English as a Second Language Support Class
(Grades 9-12)



ESL Program Updates

- ESSA Entry & Exit of English Language Learners (July 2019)
- NJDOE Bilingual Waiver: English Alternatives to Full-Time Programs
 - Elementary (Grades K-5)
 - Sheltered English Instruction
 - Secondary (Grades 6-12)
 - High-Intensity English as a Second Language
 - Sheltered English Instruction (Best Practice)
- Parent & Guardian Outreach
 - Parent Advisory Committee



English
as a Second Language

Health & Physical Education

Dr. Patrick Scarpello

Athletic Director

Supervisor of Health & Physical Education, K-12

Updated Curricula

- Health: Sexuality Strand (Grade 9)
- Health: First Aid & CPR (Grade 11)

Elective Overviews

- Acting 6
- Advanced Gymnastics
- Animation
- Ceramics
- Chorus with a Kick 1
- Chorus with a Kick 2
- CI Acting 6
- CI Acting 7
- CI Acting 8
- CI Art 6
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Dance Unlimited
- Drama Rama 1
- Drama Rama 2
- Dynamite Drawing
- Exoplanet
- Fiddling Around
- Global Studies (Northeast Magnet Course)
- Isaac's Kids
- Jumping into Junior Great Books
- Literature Alive
- Musical Production
- Musical Theatre
- Natural Disasters
- Nishuane News
- Painting
- Playing with Paint
- Printer's Paradise
- Robotics
- Science All Around Us
- Science Olympiad
- Sculpture
- Study Skills 6-8
- Survive
- Tech Crew
- The Mathematics of Puzzles & Games
- When East Meets West
- Whiz Kids: Problem Solving
- Young Shakespeare's Book Club

ASSESSMENT UPDATES

➤ MPS Summary of District Testing 2019- 2020

- State, District and Other testing information
- Update on District Website and email blast to parents
- Update to graduation requirements for class of 2020-2022

➤ Student Scores

- Individual score reports will be mailed to parents by mid-September for New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for English and Math (NJSLA-E and NJSLA-M.)
- Scores also released in parent portal by mid September.

Dyslexia Screening Procedures

To determine whether or not the academic difficulty a student is experiencing could be attributed to dyslexia or related disorders, Montclair Public School District employs the following five phases:

1. PHASE ONE – Universal Screening & Data Review
2. PHASE TWO – Preventive and Response to Intervention
3. PHASE THREE – Progress Monitoring
4. PHASE FOUR – Dyslexia Screening
5. PHASE FIVE – Comprehensive Evaluation

Students Accelerated in Learning (SAIL)

Date:	Action:
September 23, 2019-September 27, 2019	Administration of Placement Tests <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English Language Arts (Grades 6-8)• Mathematics (Grades 3-5)
October 1, 2019-October 14, 2019	Scoring of Placement Tests
October 15, 2019-November 27, 2019	Teachers complete SAIL screeners for all students in ELA & Math (Elementary & Middle)
December 2019	Gifted & Talented students identified and stakeholders notified of status (students, teachers, and parents/guardians)
January 2020	Implementation of SAIL Toolkit commences

Thank you.

