

September Essential Standards Email Communication to Teaching Staff

Dear Staff,

We begin the second year of our PLC journey with the 10-12 District essential standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. This is the guaranteed and viable curriculum for our students in Chino Valley. To begin to answer in part PLC question #2: *How will we know if our students are learning the essential standards?*, we will be administering Essential Standards Assessments (ESA) three times a year in the following grade level spans and content areas: K-12 ELA; K-8 Mathematics; and Integrated Math I-III, including honors. Each ESA assesses students on the same 10-12 essential standards. The questions on each assessment are different.

The purpose of the ESAs is to provide teacher teams with one data point on students' progress on the essential standards and not for the purpose of assigning grades.

For all other content areas at junior high and high schools, teams will work with the site developed 10-12 essential standards they drafted last year to answer PLC question #2: *How will we know if our students are learning the essential standards?*

All teams should continue to develop and administer team created common formative assessments to gauge student progress on the learning targets that make up the essential standards.

Next Steps

In the 2019-2020 school year, teams should use ELA and math essential standards as the crux of the PLC work.

For all other secondary content areas, committees will further prioritize draft essential standards to ensure a truly, guaranteed and viable curriculum for all students.

Thank you for advancing the PLC work to support student learning!

Sincerely,

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