



COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION FOR MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS

*A bulletin for DoDEA Administrators and Educators
Current Events and Happenings on DoDEA's College and Career Ready Innovation*

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The implementation of College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics (CCRSM) is underway in our elementary program and we continue to receive reports on the challenges being experienced by classroom teachers and building principals. We are listening to your feedback; we hear your frustrations and are working to create sustainable solutions for our entire DoDEA school system. Although the familiarity with the new units is challenging, this shift to college and career standards-based instruction is best for students and we are committed to working through the difficulties and celebrating the successes as we continue on this journey together. The purpose of this monthly bulletin is to open communication so that everyone will know what is going-on with CCR. We think it will help each of us in our global system if we provide everyone in DoDEA with the same information and updates, so that we are working from the same facts regarding CCR implementation system-wide.

Mathematics

As we write, all PK-grade 5 teachers and principals are engaged in the CCRSM professional development. These sessions are designed to build knowledge around rigorous mathematics content through the infusion of the Standards for Mathematical Practice. The focus in school year 15-16 is to develop understanding of and instructional practices related to the Counting and Cardinality (Kindergarten) and Operations and Algebraic Thinking (1-5) domains. The mathematics professional development consists of a two-part design: content provided with our partners from the Dana Center and collaborative planning within grade-level teams which convene between professional learning days. We continue to gather and analyze feedback as we work with the Dana Center to support teachers in connecting mathematical understanding to the model units and student work.

Literacy

The planning for College and Career Ready Standards for Literacy (CCRSL) is building. DoDEA will start implementing CCRSL during School Year 16-17 in our 6th-12th grade classrooms. In addition to beginning the new CCRSL, DoDEA will provide new 6-12 English/Language Arts 9 - 12 Speech, 9-12 Journalism, and AP® Literature and Language materials to be ready for School Year 16-17. These resources will be aligned to the CCRSL and will support the instructional shifts. We believe it is important for our teachers to be prepared for CCRSL; therefore, a contract to deliver professional development that supports practical instruction with DoDEA resources and model units is also being procured for the 16-17 school year. We look forward to collaborative learning with our teachers in the months and years ahead as we implement the literacy standards in our classrooms!

Assessment

We recently became a member of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC), Inc. Consortium. These are early days in our transition to an authentic standards-based assessment system. We anticipate the transition process will transpire over several years. We look forward to collaboratively working with educators on the implementation of our assessment system. We will administer the Terra Nova in Spring, 2016 in grades 3 – 8.