2014-2015

English Department Action Plan

Reading Goal

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To support this year’s building goal of reading proficiency, our department plans to structure SmarterBalanced test prep into our individual 7th, 8th, and 11th classroom curriculums. 9th, 10th, and 12th grade instructors will incorporate non-fiction reading passages with SmarterBalanced-aligned questioning & discussion.

Progress monitoring timeline:

1. September-October 2014: Our department will research and procure SmarterBalanced samples and share these with each other.
2. November-December 2014: 7, 8, and 11th grade instructors will plan time in their weekly or monthly curriculum to use and discuss samples in class.
3. January-March 2015: Instructors will report at PLC meetings on students’ strengths and weaknesses and adjust strategies as needed.

Individual teaching strategies:

1. 12th grade will incorporate non-fiction magazine and journal articles into mini-research & summarization assignments.
2. 11th grade will incorporate non-fiction synthesis writing throughout the year in addition to incorporating weekly SmarterBalanced test questions to familiarize students with format and content.
3. 10th grade will study & analyze reputable non-fiction sources via electronic databases.
4. 9th grade will incorporate weekly test prep mini-lessons throughout the year.
5. 7th grade & 8th grade will incorporate weekly SmarterBalanced test questions to familiarize students with format and content.
6. The resource center will provide direct instruction in using subscription databases to all grades 7-12.
7. The resource room will prepare students to take the test by promoting self-esteem and academic confidence.