

# Excellence, Preparation for Life, Opportunities for All

Offices of Curriculum and Instruction

# The End of an Era – The Excitement of a New Beginning

As the 2016-2017 school year draws to a close, people are having a variety of different emotions. Some of our students and families are feeling sad and scared to leave their current buildings and attend different ones next year. Many of our staff are anxious to know exactly how enrollment may or may not affect job placements for next year, and administrators are often found simply shaking their heads wondering how everything will get done this summer.

Despite of all the turmoil, there is a buzz in the air and an excitement that is building; because everyone ... students, families, and staff ... knows we are about to embark on historic times in Fairfield, and that is exciting! As you pack up your room, change rooms, reorganize materials, etc. remember that a new beginning is only a few months away. A chance to be part of Fairfield's rich history is coming, and we are all very, very fortunate to be a part of it — right here, right now.

On behalf of the entire C&I Department, we wish you a successful close to this school year and an awesome summer. We are looking forward to partnering with you as we do great things for our kids in the 2017-2018 school year and beyond!



# Ohio's Learning Standards Revision

In the past month, ODE has been releasing information concerning the revisions of Ohio Mathematics and English Language Arts Standards. The State Board of Education has approved the revisions for school districts to use. Currently, groups of teachers are meeting in Columbus to update the Model Curriculum documents for each subject area. This work is expected to be completed by the end of summer.

Upon completion, Fairfield's Curriculum
Department will begin working with representatives
from each school/subject to make modifications to
our Course of Study and existing curriculum as
needed. Most of the revisions have been for
purposes of clarity. For the time being, continue to
teach the existing standards.

The revised standards will not be tested until the 2018-19 school year. We plan to be very purposeful in our planning and utilization of these revised standards. Just breathe and know that we will be working with you to make any transitions as seamless as possible. For more information, please visit: Math Transition Page or ELA Transition Page.

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#### Materials Removal/Materials Relocation Reminders

#### Are you a 1, 2, or 3?

- If you are staying in your current classroom <u>AND</u> teaching the same subject/grade, you do not need to continue reading.
- If you are staying in your current classroom BUT changing to another subject/grade, please continue to read.
- 3. If you are moving classrooms and/or buildings, regardless of whether you are changing subject/grade, please continue to read.

#### Removal/Disposal

- ✓ First, if you have items you do not want/need anymore, please fill out the attached form BEFORE sending any materials over to the FAB.
- ✓ Once you have completed the form, give it to your building secretary. She will forward it on to Debbie Rulon, Curriculum Secretary.
- ✓ Wait to hear from Debbie before sending the materials to the FAB. She will use the form to check on whether we want to keep the items in Fairfield for the future, check to see if the items have resale value, etc. She will give specific instructions for boxing/tagging them for removal.

#### **Current Curriculum**

- ✓ K-2 Teachers You do not need to box up your materials by content area.
- ✓ Anyone grades 3-12 who needs to move curricular materials, please box them up by content area (ELA, Math, SS, Science, etc.) and leave in your classroom. Labels will be coming to each school for you to place on the boxes very soon.
- ✓ If your curriculum items are moving to another school/teacher, a team at the Curriculum Office will inform you of where the materials will be going. However, this team is waiting for changes in placement due to postings. Building labels are here, but please hold tight for more direction.

### Personal Items/Non-curricular Items Purchased with District Monies

- ✓ Any personal items you are concerned about you may consider moving them yourself. If not, pack those items up and affix a label on the boxes once the labels are delivered to your buildings.
- ✓ Any personal items/school purchased items (construction paper, file folders, pocket charts, etc.) you do not want anymore – please pass them on to someone else or dispose of them, if appropriate. Do not create a "FREE to a GOOD HOME" spot in your school. There will be too much going on, and the piles of items may get in the way. Leave them in your classroom and let colleagues know you have items up for grabs. They can come to your room and look through the collection.

Please remember that this entire transition process is HUGE, and it has many moving parts. Patience and calmness is needed (by all) to help ensure everything goes smoothly. If you have any questions, please ask your building administrator. Thank you!

#### **End-of-the-Year Tech Tips!**

Before you leave for the summer... remember that many of you will be in different rooms next year, so you will have different tech. ALL TECH IN YOUR ROOM MUST STAY IN YOUR ROOM! Do NOT box it up to move.

- Clean off your computer desktop! Make sure any files you want to keep are in either your MY DOCS folder (which is saved to the Fairfield server), your Office 365 OneDrive (which is saved in the cloud), or on a flash drive.
- Take a picture of the back of your computer, cords, and input/outputs of your other tech devices and print it out. Label cords. All of this will help the room occupant put it back together when they return in the fall.
- Remove batteries from remotes and other ancillary devices. Put
  them (remotes and the batteries) in a sealed bag and label them
  with the room number. Store them in a safe location in the room
  where the occupant will be able to find them.
- If you are having problems with any of the equipment in the room, be sure to turn in a tech ticket (F1) before you leave so it can get resolved over the summer for the new occupant.

