Using Innovative Practices to Reimagine Learning: Lessons from 3 Districts

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Belvidere School District 100





LEARNING CENTERED STUDENT

PERSONALIZED **TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED** Personalized learning recognizes that students engage in learning through unique and different ways.

Students are best served when learning is individually paced and address their needs and interests.

Student centered strategies engage students in owning their success and continuous improvement.

Students understand how to learn and take increasing responsibility in their learning.

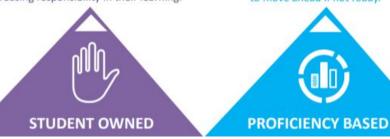
Technology allows learning to happen beyond the traditional school day and pushes learning to beyond the classroom.

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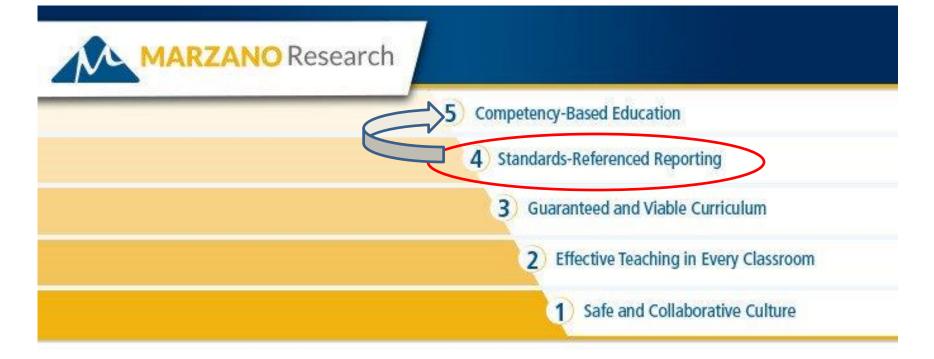
Students have opportunities to take advantage of digital tools that can enhance learning.

Proficiency based learning allows learning to happen at a pace that is best for the individual.

Students are able to learn new things if they have demonstrated success, and aren't forced to move ahead if not ready.

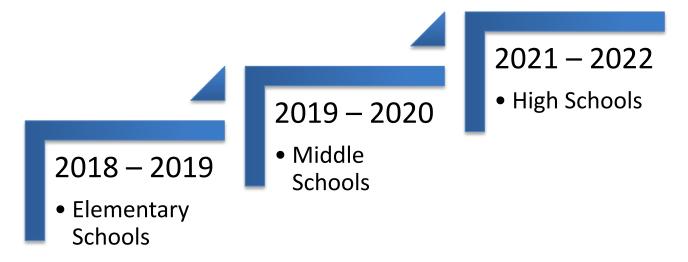








Proficiency Based Grading Roll-Out





Grade Conversion Chart

High School Scale Score to Letter Grade Conversion Chart

Scale Scores	Grade	Letter Grade Meaning	
All 4s & 3s	А	Consistently met or exceeded all priority standards.	
Half or more 3s No 1s	В	Consistently met most priority standards.	
Less than half 3s No 1s	С	Met some priority standards. Made progress on all standards.	
All 2s	D	Made progress on all standards.	
Any 1s	I or F	I - In Progress, insufficient evidence of learning or of reaching basic standards. With additional time, student may successfully complete the course.	
		F - Not enough evidence of learning. Student needs to repeat the course.	



ACC ALG II(M)		SFS21	AP World History (M)		BNHSFS21	
	Exp	Prg	Service and a constraint	Exp	Prg	
(AC Alg II) Sys. of Eq. & Ineq., Matrix: Students will solve systems of equations with matrices and graph systems of inequalities.	3.0	3.0	SS.H.4 (APWO) Environmental, Scientific,Techn : Students will analyze and explain how environmental, scientific and technological developments impacted migration, culture,	2.5	1.5	
(Alg II) Probability : Use the multiplication and addition rules of probability	3.0	3.0	economy and politics. SS.H.9-12.1 (APWO) Change & Continuity: Students will analyz and evaluate for change and continuity.		1.5	
(Alg II) Reasoning & Modeling : Use functions and numbers to create models and solve real-world applications	3.0	3.0	Current Course Score	e C		
(Alg II)Graphs & Key Features of Functions : Graph functions and identify their key features	3.0	3.0	Student Pace	e On pace		
(Alg II)Solve Quadratic w/ Complex solutions: analyze a quadratic equation to determine the number and type of solutions (real vs. complex) and then solve using an appropriate method.	2.0	1.5	Chemistry(M)	Exp Pro		
Current Course Score	3	в	(CHEM)-Nuclear Energy : The student is demonstrating mastery			
Student Pace		pace	at developing models to illustrate the changes in the composition of the nucleus of the atom and the energy released during the processes of fission, fusion, and radioactive decay		1.5	
Advanced Personal Wellness (D) (M)	BNH9 Exp	Prg	format, graph data utilizing the best method to show causation.		2.5	
levels, create a goal and plan, and implement an individualized fitness plan at a moderate to vigorous level APW D Personal Responsibility & Cooperative S: Students will demonstrate personal responsibility and cooperative skills in a	2.5	2.5	(CHEM) Quantum Mechanical Model of the Atom: The student is demonstrating mastery at using the periodic table as a model to predict the relative properties of elements based on the patterns		1.9	
physical education setting. Current Course Score		A	(Chem) SCIENTIFIC MODELING: analyze and construct accurate visual representations of chemical processes and substances.	2.5	1.5	
Student Pace		pace	(CHEM)Calorimetry : planning and conducting an investigation that shows the transfer of heat physical and chemical interactions	2.5	1.5	
AP World History (M)	BNHS	FS21	Current Course Score	8	ċ	
	Exp		Student Pac		On pace	
SS.H.10 (APWO) Global Conflicts, Economic Crisis: Students will analyze the reasons for and impact of global conflicts, economic crises, and how these are often related		1.5	English 10 ACC (M)	BNHS	Contractory of	
SS.H.5.9-12 (APWO)Historical Perspectives: Students will analyze multiple perspectives and the factors that influence them	2.5	1.5	Characterization (Eng 10) : Students will analyze how characters interact and develop over the course of a text in order to	Exp	Pro	
SS.IS.6 (APWO) Construct and Evaluate Arguments : Students will write an organized, contextualized, well-constructed argument using evidence	2.5	2.5	advance the plot and/or develop the theme. Digital Media (Eng 10) : Students will strategically use digital	2.3	2.0	
SS.H.12.9-12 (AP WO) Conflict/cooperation: Students will analyze and understand how geography impacted culture, lifeways, economic development, war, disease, and migration		1.5	média to enhancé présentation of information. Discussion: Norms & Collaboration (Eng 10): Students will collaborate to reach common goals by responding to diverse viewpoints.	2.5	2.5	



School-Wide Structural Changes

- 18 19 Proficiency Recovery Initial Model, WIN
- · 19 20 PR Common Period & Recovery for All
- · 20 21 Block Schedule, WIN, & WIN Days
- · 21 22 Bucs WIN, WIN Days & After School

- Summer School 19, 20, 21
- Longer Term: Master Schedule???







What is going away?

- Use of scale scores; return to percentages and letter grades
- Our Learning Management System & grading system
- The conversion chart



What will persist?

- Until March 21st nothing is certain
- Standards Referenced Grading
- Reassessment
- WIN/Flexible Time



What is changing and uncertain?

- Grade Calculation
- Non Academic Feedback
- Future progress to Level 5/CBE

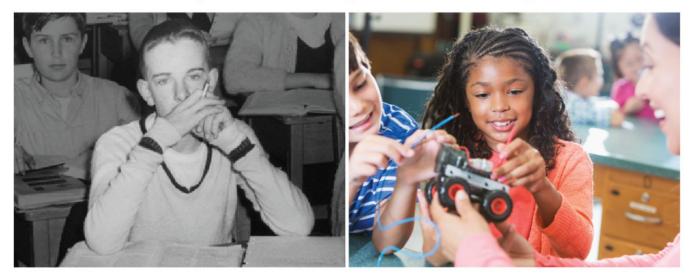




Kankakee School District #111



Which student will be best prepared to contribute and compete in this global economy?



STUDENT A

Math Science English Social Studies

STUDENT B

Content Mastery Communication Collaboration Other 21st Century Skills

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The What: Competency Based Education

The When: 2016

The Why: Student Achievement - College Career Readiness





Where are we now ?

THEN

- Teacher owned Gradebook
- Core Courses CBE
- Credit based Graduation requirement
- Tracking
- Summer School Deficient
- **Control by points**
- **Competition between** students

NOW

- Student Owned Gradebook
- Wall to wall CBE Freshman Seniors
- **Academic and Adaptive Competencies**
- Skills lists identified
- **Competency Based Graduation** Requirements
- Honors Rostering at end of course
- Summer Learning -longer time to demonstrate learning
- More opportunities for support through student success center
- DNM vs. F's
- Crediting of courses based on mastery of competencies Latin Honor System

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2025 & 2026

Subject/Area	кнз	Community or Vocation	Four Year College	Selective College / University
English	Minimum 4 Portfolios	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Mathematics	Minimum 3 Portfolios	3 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Science	Minimum 3 Portfolios	3 Years	3 Years	4 Years
Social Studies	Minimum 2 Portfolios	2.25-2.50 Years	3 Years	3 or 4 Years
World Language	Minimum 1 Portfolio	None Required	2 Years*	2 to 4 Years
Health	1 Portfolio			

Students must also successfully complete the following specific coursework or competencies with the years of specific subjects or competencies in order to graduate:

* Math must include Algebra I and Geometry

* Science must include Biology and 1 year of a physical science (Chemistry, Physics, Physical Science)

* Social Science must include U.S. History and American Government which must cover the U.S. Constitution, State of IL Constitution and the proper use and display of the American Flag.

* Consumer Education

Profile of a Graduate:	Wayfinding -	4 Portfolios
	HOS -	4 Portfolios
	Next Gen. Essent	ials - 4 Portfolios

Total Required: 27 Portfolios plus mastery competency completion to level 10 of all seven universal competencies unless otherwise noted in Roadmap to Success, IEP, or 504. Other Requirements:

" IF I HAD ASKED PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANTED, THEY WOULD HAVE SAID: **FASTER HORSES...**"

Henry Ford



Our Challenges

- Adult mindsets
- Accountability
- Student resistance to revisions and redo'sconditioned to the one and done
- Grading
- Lack of communication to families/ parents
- State Reporting Requirements



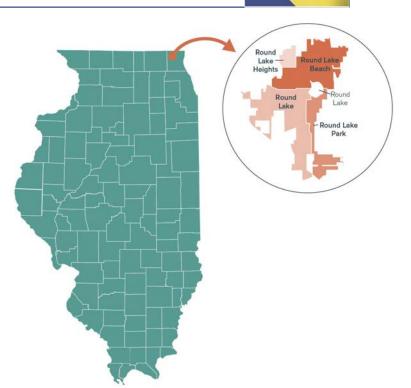
If we can't change the way we teach and engage in new models of success, prototype backward design, if we can't harness the assets in our own communities, we will be staggeringly unprepared for the future we face. SUSAN PATRICK

Round Lake Area Schools CUSD 116



Round Lake Area Schools 116

- Unit district in Far Northern Suburbs
- Student population: 6,472
 - 78% Hispanic
 - 11% White
 - 7.5% Black
 - 3.5% Other
- **Low Income:** ~75%
- Approach: Systemic
 - Progressive, modern, research-based approach to educational practices



How we got started...



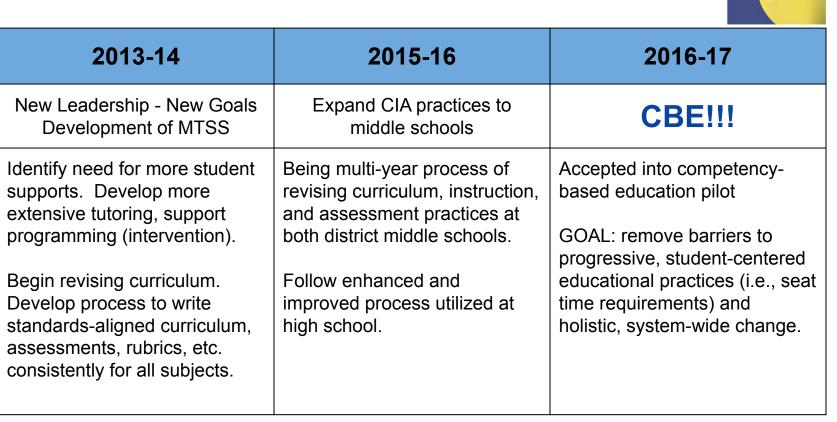
2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
Schedule and Collaboration	"4-year plan" begins	Standards alignment continues	
Established a schedule that allowed for daily 45-minute PLCs for all teachers.	Year 1: Standards-aligned curriculum. School-wide effort. Teachers	Year 2: Continue to align to standards and create indicators.	
Frequent collaboration was a necessary first step. Expand use of common assessments.	and administrators partner to develop standards-aligned curriculum and Identify Power Standards.	Teacher teams continue to align to standards, identify power standards, and now begin to create "indicators" (or sub-standards). Skills that will	
		guide demonstration of mastery.	

How we got started...



2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	
4-year plan becomes 5-year plan	Standards-Based Grading and Reporting / Assessment	Mastery Learning Correctives and Enrichments	
Year 3: Continue indicator development, introduce Mastery Learning	Year 4: Begin Standards-based grading using Grading Patch	Year 5: Expansion of standards-based grading and Mastery Learning.	
Write Rubrics Develop concept of "Grading Patch"	Full use of common Diagnostic, Formative, and Summative assessments for all content areas. Continue building Mastery Learning practices	Full use of "second-chance" assessments after re-teaching. All teams using corrective and enrichment activities.	

How we got started...



What are we doing now?



- Recently completed C, I, A process at all elementary schools
 - We are now K-12 CBE
- Revised middle schools schedules for more flexibility and student options
- Mastery Exams, not "final exams"
- Blended learning
- Flexible Attendance
- Student Voice and Choice in curriculum
- Student "take action" opportunities

What will we be doing?



- Curricular continuums (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12)
- Student acceleration beyond grade level
- Earned "Honors" opportunities (K-12)
- Internships, job shadows, and service learning
- Modified schedules (high school)
- Embedded SEL, Behavior, and Student Development curriculum
- Building flexible multi-grade "neighborhoods" (elementary)

What have we learned?



This is a long, challenging journey - but it is worth it!

- Increased student achievement over time
- Students who are "good at school" are challenged in this new environment
- Students who previously struggled with school find new opportunities and can be rejuvenated
- Parent communication / interaction is a mixed bag especially when the work is different from what most are used to
- Staff resistance is common because it is also not what they are used to over communicate; get feedback; sell, sell, sell
- Teacher "talk" matters how are they explaining to students and parents
- Have a clear purpose and principles, not just "things to do"

Thank you

Any Questions???



ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS & QUESTIONS?



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