



Academic Leadership Council and Subject Area Committees

Committee Updates
Thursday, September 17, 2026





Academic Leadership Council (ALC)





Board Policy

“To further the educational philosophy and goals of the District, the Board of Education has established an Academic Leadership Council (ALC) and grants it the authority to reach professional decisions and make recommendations to the Administrative Council and to the Board of Education, pertaining to curriculum, instruction, and student learning.” (February 20, 2020)



Roles and

School Board The “What”	Superintendent/District Staff The “How”
Governance	Management
Core Values and Beliefs	Objectives
Mission, Vision and Goals	Action Plans
Policies	Procedures
Action: Vote	Action: Recommend and Implement
Monitoring Progress	Evidence of Compliance



What is the Academic Leadership Council?

The *Academic Leadership Council (ALC)* is a representative group of stakeholders that **advises and makes recommendations** to the Board of Education on matters concerning **curriculum and instruction** through the **approved decision-making processes**.



Purpose of ALC

- Establish shared agreements and bylaws to govern decisions
- Establish curricular governance based on research
- Develop and monitor the curriculum long-range plan
- Make curricular decisions
- Determine grading and reporting
- Determine Subject Area Committees (SAC) and their role
- Select and recommend resources to the Board of Education as needed to support the curriculum
- Monitor and plan to improve “Program Coherence” and “Ambitious Instruction” through the 5 Essentials Survey Data



ALC Membership



- PreK ALC
- Elementary ALC
(Representation from all schools)
- Leman ALC



- Two-Year Commitment
- Monolingual, Dual, Specials, Coach, Student Services, Special Education, Administration, Parent, BOE Member



Preschool Long Range Plan

Preschool Long-Range Plan

Focus Area	Jan 26- Jun 26	Aug 26- Jan 27	Feb 27- Jun 27	Aug 27- Jan 28	Feb 28- Jun 28
PreK Vision	Creation	Implementation			
Assessment	Research Resources, Remove Literacy and Math Profiles.	Provide Training in Fall Adoption and Implementation of Teaching Strategies Gold		Adoption and Implementation	
Preschool Programming	Creation of a plan for language allocation to align with the daily schedule.	Implementation, Validation, and Adjustments		Adoption and Implementation	
Creative Curriculum		Creation of Written Curriculum	Pilot Final Unit	Implementation, Validation, and Adjustments	
		Creation of instructional templates & resources			
ECERS	Review Audit	Implementation and Adjustments			

Elementary Long Range Plan



SUBJECTS	Jun 24- Jun 24	Aug 24- Jan 25	Feb 25- Jun 25	Aug 25- Jan 26	Feb 26- Jun 26	Aug 26- Jan 27	Feb 27- Jun 27	Aug 27- Jan 28	Feb 28- Jun 28	Aug 28- Jan 29	Feb 29- June 29
Literacy	Research Resources	Pilot resources as appropriate	Continuation of pilot and creation of written curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources	Implementation, validation, and adjustments	Implementation, validation, and adjustments	Implementation, validation, and adjustments				
SEL/Health	Written Curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources		Implementation, validation, and adjustments							
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Acceleration and Enrichment		Creation of instructional templates & resources		Written Curriculum	Implementation, validation, and adjustments	Implementation, validation, and adjustments					
Music			Written Curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources	Implementation, validation, and adjustments						
PE			Written Curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources	Implementation, validation, and adjustments						
Art			Written Curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources	Implementation, validation, and adjustments						
Social Studies				Research resources	Creation of instructional templates and resources	Creation of instructional templates & resources	Pilot resources as appropriate	Written Curriculum	Implementation, validation, and adjustments	Implementation, validation, and adjustments	
Science				Research resources	Creation of instructional templates and resources	Creation of instructional templates and resources	Pilot resources as appropriate	Written Curriculum	Implementation, validation, and adjustments	Implementation, validation, and adjustments	
Math						Research resources	Pilot resources as appropriate	Continuation of pilot and creation of written curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources	Implementation, validation, and adjustments	

Leman Long Range Plan



SUBJECTS	Jan 24- Jun 24	Aug 24- Jan 25	Feb 25- Jun 25	Aug 25- Jan 26	Feb 26- Jun 26	Aug 26- Jan 27	Feb 27- Jun 27	Aug 27- Jan 28	Feb 28- Jun 28	Aug 28- Jan 29	Feb 29- June 29
Advanced Spanish	Written Curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources Implementation, validation, and adjustments		Creation of instructional templates & resources Implementation, validation, and adjustments		Implementation, validation, and adjustments					
Science	Written Curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources Implementation, validation, and adjustments		Implementation, validation, and adjustments							
Acceleration and Enrichment (7th and 8th Compacted)		Creation of instructional templates and resources Written Curriculum		Implementation, validation, and adjustments							
Literacy		Research resources		Pilot resources as appropriate Continuation of pilot and creation of written curriculum		Creation of instructional templates & resources Implementation, validation, and adjustments		Implementation, validation, and adjustments			
Performing Arts			Written Curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources		Implementation, validation, and adjustments					
Art			Written Curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources		Implementation, validation, and adjustments					
PE			Written Curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources		Implementation, validation, and adjustments					
Health				Written Curriculum Creation of instructional templates & resources		Implementation, validation, and adjustments					
Math						Research resources	Pilot resources as appropriate Continuation of pilot and creation of written curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources Implementation, validation, and adjustments			
Social Studies						Research resources	Pilot resources as appropriate Continuation of pilot and creation of written curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources Implementation, validation, and adjustments			
Exploratory						Written Curriculum	Creation of instructional templates & resources	Implementation, validation, and adjustments			



5Essentials Data-Effective

Leaders

Essential	2023	2024	2025	2026
Effective Leaders	45	44	59	61

Measure	2023	2024	2025	2026
Program Coherence (Teacher)	50	39	52	58



80-100	Very Strong
60-79	Strong
40-59	Neutral
20-39	Weak
0-19	Very Weak

1. Once we start a new program in this school, we follow up to make sure that it's working.
2. We have so many different programs in this school that I can't keep track of them all.
3. Many special programs come and go at this school.
4. Curriculum, instruction, and learning materials are well coordinated across different grade levels at this school.
5. There is consistency in curriculum, instruction, and learning materials among teachers in the same grade level at this school.



5Essentials Data-Ambitious Instruction

Essential	2023	2024	2025	2026
Ambitious Instruction	42	43	45	49

Measure	2023	2024	2025	2026
English Instruction (Student)	58	50	47	51
Math Instruction (Student)	56	43	44	47
Academic Press (Student)	34	37	39	43
Quality Student Discussion (Teacher)	18	41	50	53



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Subject Area Committee (SAC)

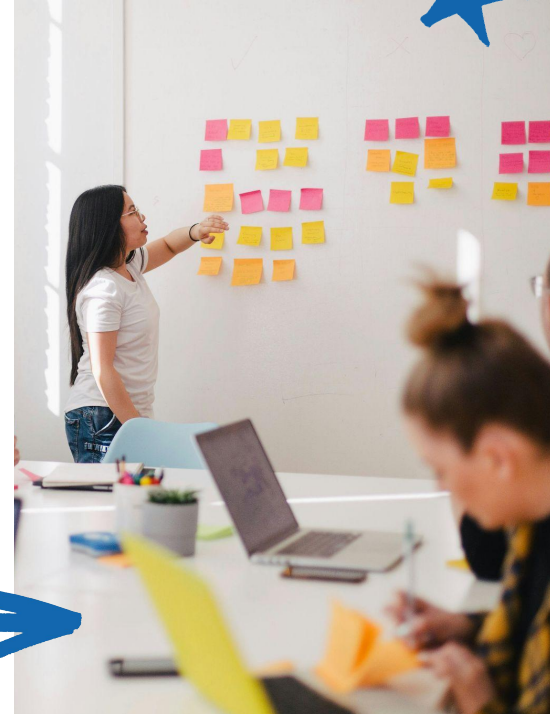


Subject Area Committee Goals

1. Carry out the work designated by the Academic Leadership Council (ALC) in alignment with the Long Range Plan
2. Advise ALC on resources and professional development
3. Develop written curriculum, unit templates, and assessments
4. Gather implementation feedback from staff
5. Validate the effectiveness of curriculum, units, assessments, and resources and make necessary adjustments
6. Facilitators or team members serve on the ALC and bring talking points to corresponding meetings
7. Provide professional learning to staff in their content areas

26-27 Elementary Subject Area Committees

- Literacy
- Science/Social Studies
- Music
- PE
- Art
- Acceleration and Enrichment
- Math
- Health
- STEM



★ Literacy ★

Long Range Plan	25-26 School Year ✓ Creation of District Templates and Resources	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27 Goals came from implementation and validation
Implementation, validation, and adjustments	• Finalize Dictado and Lotta Laras 3-5 • Finalize grammar updates K-2 • Creation of UFLI assessment guidance • Validate units, pacing, & resources	• Team consistent from 25-26 SY • All buildings, grade levels, and programming are represented • Meeting dates are once/month • Meetings are facilitated by Jenny Brunke and Janet Ayala	• Creation of IAR Aligned Pre-Post Assessments 3-5 • Creation of common writing rubrics and exemplars 2-5 • Instill common grading expectations



Music/P.E./Art

Long Range Plan	25-26 School Year Creation of Common Unit Templates	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 25-26
Implementation, validation, and adjustments	Created unit templates and aligned resources in alignment with D33 Curriculum Templates. ✓	- Committee membership reflective of 25-26 - All committees have appropriate representation - Meeting dates are monthly and facilitated by Cathy Park and Julie Odom	Complete unit validation surveys and base any necessary adjustments off of feedback provided.



Science & Social Studies



Long Range Plan		25-26 School Year✓	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27
Science	Creation of instructional templates & resources	- Identified McGraw Hill as the K-5 pilot resource for both content areas - Began the creation of unit templates and instructional resources	- Same committee representation as 25-26 - Meeting dates are monthly and facilitated by Jenny Brunke	- Finalize remaining unit templates and resources to be used the duration of the pilot. - Make a recommendation to the ALC and Board of Education regarding adoption
	Pilot resources as appropriate			
SS	Creation of instructional templates and resources			
	Pilot resources as appropriate			



★ Acceleration & Enrichment ★

Long Range Plan	25-26 School Year Validation of Units ✓	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27
Implementation, validation, and adjustments	• Implementation and validation of all resources created during the 24-25 SY	• Committee membership reflective of 25-26 SY • Meeting dates occur monthly • Meetings are facilitated by Cathy Park and Jenny Brunke	• Continued implementation and validation • Adjustment of literacy templates to more directly align with Amplify



Health

Long Range Plan	25-26 School Year ✓ Implementation, validation, and adjustment	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27
• Will be added during the first ALC meeting	• Implement units created in 24-25 • Complete validation survey and make any necessary adjustments	• Opportunity to Influence sent and team established • Meetings occur once per month and are facilitate by Jenny Brunke	• Shift curriculum resources to reflect master schedule change from SEL/Health to Health during the 27-28 school year



Elementary & Middle School Math

Long Range Plan	25-26 School Year This was not an active committee last school year	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27
Research resources		• Opportunity to Influence sent and team established • Meet once per month as a vertical team K-8 • Meetings are facilitated by Katherine Mayster and Jenny Brunke	• Research best practices in the teaching of mathematics as well as guidance provided by the Illinois Comprehensive Numeracy Plan • Determine a pilot resource to recommend to the ALC and BOE for the 27-28 SY • Create any aligned district documents necessary for a successful math pilot

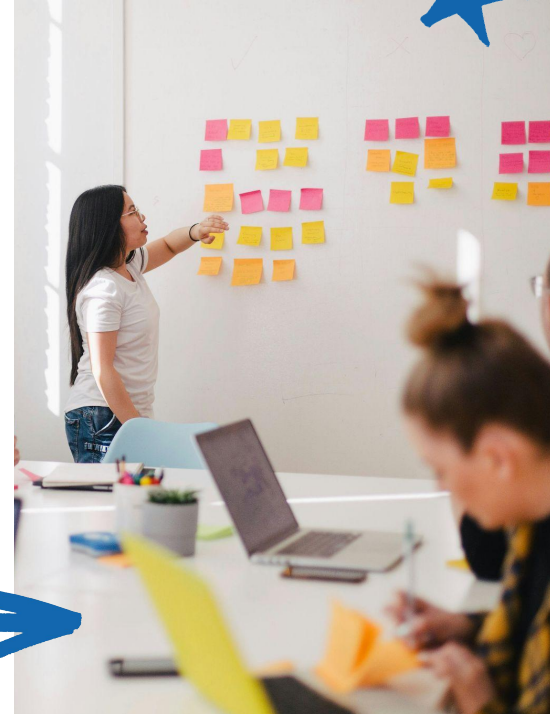


★ STEM ★

Long Range Plan	25-26 School Year This was not an active committee last school year	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27
Creation of instructional templates and resources Written Curriculum		• Opportunity to Influence sent and team established • Meet once per month • Meetings facilitated by Jenny Brunke and Niko Bubaris	• Creation of STEM curriculum and necessary district documents to be utilized alongside the adjusted master schedule for the 27-28 SY • Ensure alignment between STEM and Science curriculum and resources

26-27 Leman Subject Area Committees

- Literacy
- Advanced Spanish
- PE
- Art
- Performing Arts
- Health
- Math
- Social Studies
- Exploratory





★ Literacy ★

Long Range Plan	25-26 School Year Research resources & recommend resource Pilot ✓	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27
Creation of instructional templates & resources	● myPerspectives approved for adoption ● Novel study and pacing guides created ● Creation of all district unit templates	● Team consistent from 25-26 SY ● All grade levels and programming are represented ● Meeting dates are once/month ● Meetings are facilitated by Jenny Brunke	● Implementation, validation, and adjustment of district unit templates and resources ● Adoption support for non-pilot staff
Implementation, validation, and adjustments			



★ Advanced Spanish ★

Long Range Plan	25-26 School Year ✓ Creation of Instructional Resources Implementation/Validation	25-26 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27
Implementation, validation, and adjustments	• Creation of 8th grade unit templates and resources • Validate and adjust unit templates and resources for 6th-grade and 7th-grade	• Team consistent from 25-26 SY • All grade levels are represented • Meeting dates are monthly • Meetings facilitated by Janet Ayala	• Update coming from Janet Ayala, Director of Multilingual Learning



★ Performing Arts, P.E. & Art



Long Range Plan	25-26 School Year Creation of unit templates and resources	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27
Implementation, validation, and adjustments	• Creation of unit templates and instructional resources in alignment with D33 Written Curriculum Templates • These resources will be implemented during the 26-27 SY	• Committee membership reflective of 25-26 • All committees have appropriate representation • Meeting dates are monthly and facilitated by Cathy Park and Julie Odom	• Implementation and validation of current D33 unit templates and resources. • Make any necessary adjustments • Special Focus on Mariachi begins this school year



★ Health ★

Long Range Plan		25-26 School Year Determined Pilot Resource and Creation of unit templates and resources ✓	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27
Implementation, validation, and adjustments		• Determined Health Smart as pilot resource • Created necessary district unit templates and resources for a successful pilot	• Committee membership reflective of 25-26 • Meeting dates are monthly • Meetings are facilitated by Julie Odom and Jenny Brunke	• Implementation and validation of pilot resource and D33 templates • Make a recommendation for adoption to the ALC and BOE as appropriate
Pilot Resources as appropriate	Continuation of pilot as appropriate			



Social Studies

Long Range Plan	25-26 School Year This was not an active committee last school year	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27
Research resources		• Opportunity to Influence sent and team established • Meet once per month as a vertical team 6-8	• Research best practices in the teaching of Social Studies • Determine a pilot resource to recommend to the ALC and BOE for the 27-28 SY • Create any aligned district documents necessary for a successful pilot



✧ Exploratory ✧

Long Range Plan	25-26 School Year This was not an active committee last school year	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27
Written Curriculum		• Opportunity to Influence sent • Meet once per month • Meetings facilitated by Jenny Brunke	• Create written curriculum templates in alignment with other D33 content areas



Preschool



Long Range Plan		25-26 School Year Establishment of team	26-27 Committee Info	Goals for 26-27
		• Opportunity to Influence was sent and a team was established ensuring balanced representation of programming	• Meetings occur monthly • Additional training occurs to ensure formal training in Creative Curriculum prior to	• Create written curriculum templates in alignment with other D33 content areas
Creation of Written Curriculum	Pilot Final Unit			
Creation of instructional templates & resources				



THANK YOU.

Questions?

WE'RE ALL IN.

All of us. *All for them.*



