

Secondary Principal's Report

For the September 2016 Board Meeting

Instructional Model Update

APS is adopting an instructional model based on Robert Marzano's research. The model is broken down into domains and design questions. We are focusing on two of the design questions for the first semester (DQ6 - Establishing Rules and Procedures & DQ2 - Helping Students Interact with New Knowledge). The purpose of the instructional model is to utilize research-based instructional practices for the benefit of student learning.

Agriculture Education Update

Agriculture education classes are up and running. Using numbers from the first FFA meeting, 27 students have joined or plan to join. Mr. Grannemann has been working hard to build momentum for the students. The most recent event in which students participated was a trash pick-up in Arlington on Saturday, September 3.

UNMC Update

We have one student, Hannah Thompson, who is participating in the UNMC High School Alliance this year. The alliance is a health sciences enrichment program and this is the second year in a row an Arlington student has been accepted to participate.

MAPS Testing

Students completed MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) testing in Math and Reading. The purpose of the testing is to measure student learning levels at various times during the year. The MAPS results will be used as one piece of data when working with students. We plan to administer the tests at three times during the year to assess growth and make informed decisions.

Results from Last Year:

Math	F - W - S	Reading	F - W - S
7th	225.0 - 230.1 - 234.9 222.6 - 226.1 - 228.6		216.3 - 219.4 - 222.8 214.4 - 216.9 - 218.2
8th	231.0 - 232.6 - 237.7 226.3 - 229.1 - 230.9		224.3 - 222.6 - 225.3 217.2 - 219.1 - 220.1
9th	236.8 - 237.6 - 241.7 230.3 - 232.2 - 233.4		226.8 - 227.7 - 230.2 220.2 - 221.3 - 221.9

State Testing Update

See attached .pdf from the state board report. ACT is the college entrance exam selected for Nebraska juniors to take in response to LB 930.

Newsweek Top 500 High Schools

Arlington High School was recognized by Newsweek as one of America's Top High Schools 2016. Here is the link: <http://www.newsweek.com/high-schools/americas-top-high-schools-2016>