



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE"

HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION/SPECIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

November 7, 2022 @ 6:30PM

Location: High School Media Center

Superintendent's Recommendations for Approval

1. Approval of Out-of-District Travel, District Personnel: The committee reviewed out of district travel for the purpose of professional development, all of which are virtual or in NJ.
2. Approval of Student Trips: The committee reviewed new trips, including Project Graduation and discussed setting up a system that includes a running list for ongoing review.
3. Approval of Student Teacher/Clinical Practice/Observations/Field Experiences Extension: The committee reviewed the extension of field experience for the student who is currently completing service hours with the high school guidance department.
4. Approval of Summer Hours: The committee reviewed payment for the two staff members who attended the AP summer institute this past summer.
5. Approval of Policy#2415.04 Title I District-Wide Parent & Family Engagement - First Read
6. Approval of Policy#2451 Adult High School - The committee reviewed the second and final read of the adult high school policy.
7. Approval of Policy#5517 School District issued Student ID Cards - The committee reviewed the second and final read of the student ID card policy which denotes that all middle school and high school students will be issued ID cards and may be expected to show them, if asked.
8. Approval of Policy#5722 Student Journalism - The committee reviewed the second and final read of the student journalism policy and discussed its relevance to student publications, including the student newspaper.
9. Approval of Policy#2416.01 Postnatal Accommodations for Students - The committee reviewed the second and final read of policy 2416 which ensures postnatal accommodations for students.
10. Approval of Policy#5330.05 Seizure Action Plan - The committee reviewed the second and final read of the seizure action plan policy.

Special Services

1. Approval of Home/Hospital Instruction: The Director of Special Services reported that there are no new placements for home instruction.
2. Approval of Additional Location (s) for 2022-2023 Community Based Instruction (CBI) and Structured Learning Experience (SLE): The committee reviewed an additional site for CBI/SLE (Jiffy Lube).
3. Approval of NJ Inclusive Education Technical Assistance (NJIETA) Project Grant for 2022/2023: The committee reviewed a professional development opportunity to support co-teaching partnerships at no cost to the district.



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New Business:

NJGPA results: The committee reviewed the results of the NJGPA assessment which was administered to 11th graders last March. Although the results have been invalidated by the NJDOE, the district is still required to report individual scores to families. A discussion ensued regarding interventions the district is pursuing to address scores in literacy. Writing, particularly written expression, and reading/writing informational text is an area of focus. Results are shared with teachers to ensure we are using data to drive instruction.

DFG: In response to an inquiry made during the September 28th BOE meeting, Dr. Irwin prepared a data chart that compares Holmdel performance on the NJSIA to district factor group I. The former DFG I classification includes 101 districts. This data is representative of 52 DFG I groups who also use LinkIt. The district surpassed the DFG I average in ELA by 3.3% and the DFG I average in math by 9%. This information will be publicly shared at the public meeting and interventions will be revisited. This data discussion included the necessity to put a stronger emphasis on Algebra I.

Read to Dogs Program: The district reviewed the proposal for a doctoral study at Village School.

- **6th grade Chromebooks:** Concerns were raised about 6th graders being able to take their Chromebooks home.
- **Assignments:** Concerns were raised about making assignments due prior to class rather than at 11:59 p.m. We will look at the default setting to see if adjustments can be made.
- **AP World Civilization:** An inquiry was made regarding the amount of students who dropped AP World Civ. Dr. Irwin informed the committee that we will be addressing an alternative option for students who want to enroll in advanced history as freshman, but are not necessarily looking to pursue AP (yet).
- **Executive Functioning:** A suggestion was made to incorporate executive functioning within the curriculum. Ms. Tucillo will provide more information.
- **Option 2:** An inquiry was made regarding Option 2 for students who satisfy the health/pe requirement, among others, based on their extracurricular participation. The district will follow up with South Brunswick who has a thriving option 2 program. The question was raised regarding freshman eligibility.
- **SAT Performance:** A question was raised about SAT performance. Averages were shared for August and October; a full data report will be presented at the January meeting. A suggestion was made to include SAT day in next year's budget.

Old Business:

- The committee reviewed the proposal from HiTops which includes providing opt-in instruction to students at those grade levels who are most impacted by the new health standards. The proposal also includes providing professional development to staff and the community. The district will not pursue the use of a survey at this time.
- **Google Calendar:** A concern was revisited about using the calendar function on Google for assignments (grade 6). This feedback will be shared with the principals to consider for the following school year.

Items to Discuss

Next meeting - Opt In/Out Policy; G&T update

Next meeting date: Monday, December 5, 2022 @ 6:30pm