

Curriculum Council Google Meet

May 21, 2025

Let's Go:



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Acadience →

- Helps teachers identify children at risk for reading difficulties
- Determine the skills to target for instructional support

04.

NJ HIT Grant →

- Identified and provided small group instruction to grades 3, 4, 5 students during the 2024-25 school year during 3 different cycles

05.

Open Sci Ed →

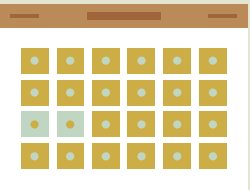
- Explore Bio/Chem/Phys @ VHS
- Explore Grade 5/6/7/8 @ HBW

06.

Summer Curriculum →

- Summer 2025





HMH Into Reading Pilot



12 Modules

3 Weeks
per Module

5 Lessons per Week

[illegible]

90-minute instructional block

Focus on foundational skills; build knowledge and language by reading content-rich texts together and writing responses; and meet with one small group.

30 min.

Foundational Skills

25 min.

Reading & Vocabulary

20 min.

Writing & Grammar

15 min.

Small Group
1 rotation

- **Build Knowledge and Language**



Next Steps

- Continuation of formal pilot of Into Reading through the remainder of the school year
- **Key Question:** Should we continue to utilize Foundations as our phonics program OR adopt HMH's Foundational Skills program?

02.

Summer Reading

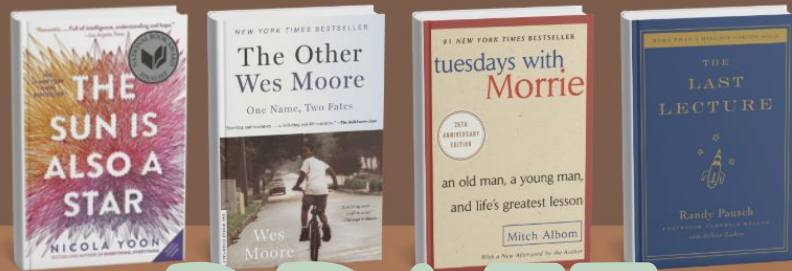


Students will preview a book that is related to ...

- *Incoming Grade 9* – explore stories that raise timeless questions about whether our lives are shaped by choice or predetermined forces
- *Incoming Grade 10* – examine fictional worlds that reflect real-world issues, as characters navigate oppressive systems and fight for truth and freedom
- *Incoming Grade 11* – discover a diverse range of perspectives that capture the complexity of the American experience across time, place, and identity
- *Incoming Grade 12* – reflect on personal journeys through first-hand narratives that highlight identity, resilience, and the power of storytelling



Grade 9



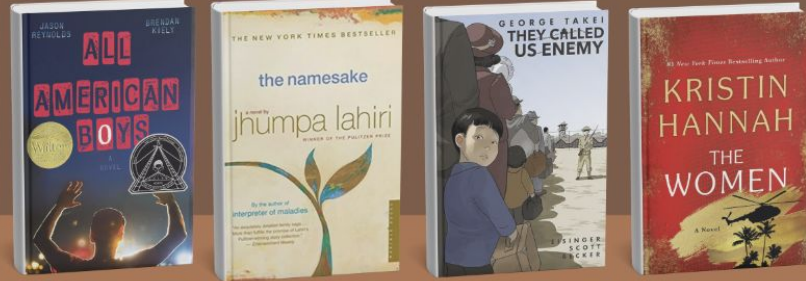
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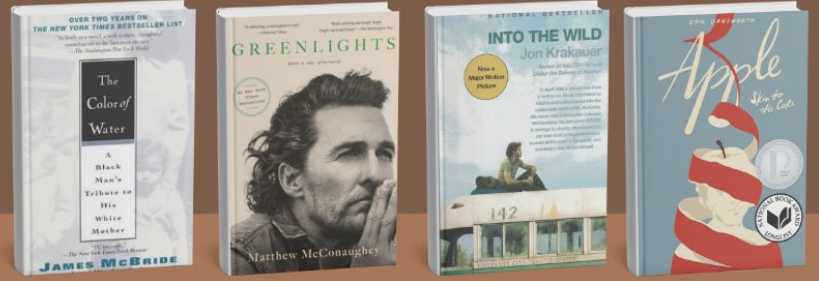
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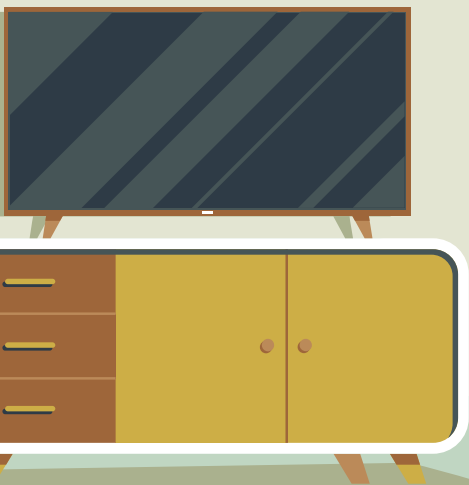
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Grade 11



Grade 12





Acadience as a Comprehensive Screener

- Will be administered to all students in Kindergarten through Grade 4 in the fall, winter, and spring benchmark windows
- Our Academic Coaches have provided extensive training and will continue to provide support next year
- Teachers will participate in data meetings in the fall to support the interpretation of student results for instructional decision-making

Click below for the complete report!





04.

NJ HIT Grant

Verona was Awarded a NJ HIT Grant for 24-25



ELA & Math

Grades 3, 4, & 5

1st Round

Oct 28 - Dec 19



2nd Round

Jan 6 - Mar 7

3rd Round

Mar 17 - May 16





Number of Students Impacted this School Year

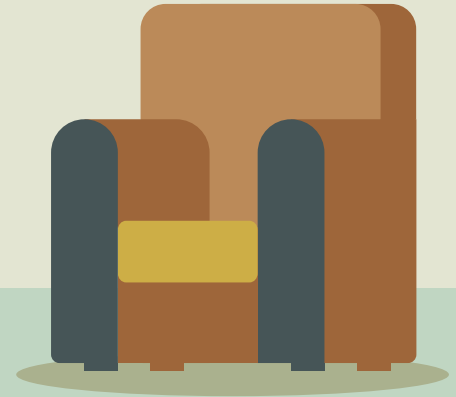
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Science

Exploring OpenSciEd

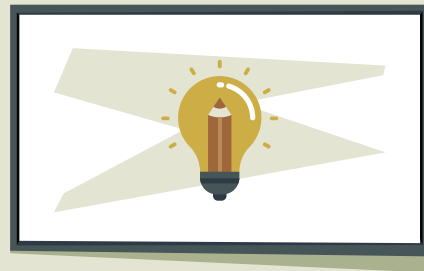


OpenSciEd Site Visits



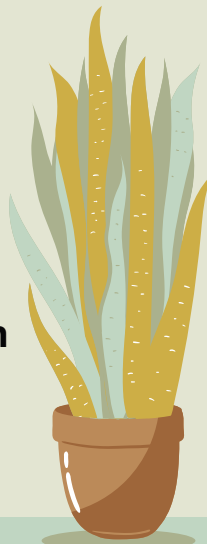
Westfield Public Schools

**Nadia Domenick, Bridget Sullivan,
Will Boss, Paul Moschella visited
Edison Intermediate School April 2
Observed OSE in 6th, 7th, & 8th**



Morristown High School

**Alex Cali, Kelly DiGeronimo, Terry
Lennon, Paula Ramos, Janan Wehbeh
visited Morristown High School on
April 3 Observed OSE in H Physics**



Grade 5 Overview



Unit 5.1 Ecosystems & Matter Cycling

How does a nurse log help other things live and grow?

Released



Unit 5.2 Matter Properties

How can we make water healthy for all living things?

Released



Unit 5.3 Earth Systems

How does changing the flow of water impact Earth's systems, and how can humans help?



Unit 5.4 Earth in the Universe

How and why does what I see in the sky change?

Grade 6 Overview



6.1 Light & Matter

Why do we sometimes see different things when looking at the same object?

Released



6.2 Thermal Energy

How can containers keep stuff from warming up or cooling down?

Released



6.3 Weather, Climate & Water Cycling

Why does a lot of hail, rain, or snow fall at some times and not others?

Released



6.4 Plate Tectonics & Rock Cycling

What causes Earth's surface to change?

Released



6.5 Natural Hazards

Where do natural hazards happen and how do we prepare for them?

Released



6.6 Cells & Systems

How do living things heal?

Released

Grade 7 Overview



7.1 Chemical Reactions & Matter

How can we make something new that was not there before?

Released



7.2 Chemical Reactions & Energy

How can we use chemical reactions to design a solution to a problem?

Released



7.3 Metabolic Reactions

How do things inside our bodies work together to make us feel the way we do?

Released



7.4 Matter Cycling & Photosynthesis

Where does food come from and where does it go next?

Released



7.5 Ecosystem Dynamics

How does changing an ecosystem affect what lives there?

Released

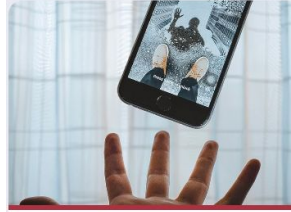


7.6 Earth's Resources & Human Impact

How do changes in the Earth's system impact our communities and what can we do about it?

Released

Grade 8 Overview



8.1 Contact Forces

Why do things sometimes get damaged when they hit each other?

Released



8.2 Sound Waves

How can a sound make something move?

Released



8.3 Forces at a Distance

How can a magnet move another object without touching it?

Released



8.4 Earth in Space

How are we connected to the patterns we see in the sky and space?

Released



8.5 Genetics

Why are living things different from one another?

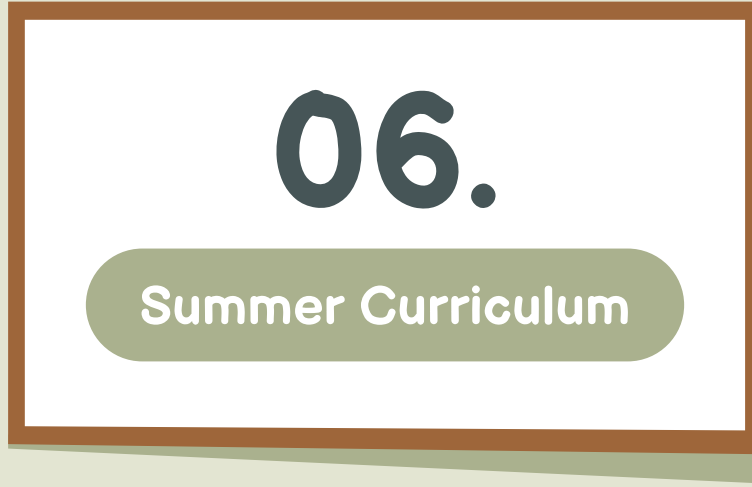
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8.6 Natural Selection & Common Ancestry

How could things living today be connected to the things that lived long ago?

Released





Summer Curriculum

- Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills
 - Business Course (InvestEd: Stocks, Bonds, and Beyond); TED 7&8; CAD I&II
- Library & Media
 - K-4, 5-8, 9-12
- Math
 - Design Google Form Unit Assessments - Grades 3, 4, 5
- Visual & Perf. Arts
 - HBW Music 5/6
- WL
 - Grade K, 5
- Academic Enrichment
 - Grade 6

**Have an awesome
summer!**

