



SJPS Foundation Success - Math Curriculum Upgrade

Effect on Students

Due to State cuts, the District has been unable to upgrade the Math Curriculum since 2000. While math principles have not changed dramatically since that time, the technology in the classroom and the curriculum standards have.

Schools are faced with Michigan's adoption of the new Common Core Curriculum in Math and Reading. What sets these new standards apart is a focus on not only the "what" (such as traditional standards); but also the "how". The "How" is called the math practice standards. The way we teach math is changing.

SJPS Foundation's Support

The Foundation has committed \$150,000 over the next two years toward the purchase of the new math curriculum and materials for the District.

"We feel that this is an important mission for the Foundation. With the cutbacks from the State it would be nearly impossible to upgrade the Math Curriculum at all levels with the necessary materials. We are grateful that we have such a dedicated Foundation to help with these shortfalls."

Ann Cardon
SJPS Superintendent

Teachers & Students Involved

This upgrade will affect every student in the district at all grade levels.

Why the Need?

Math performance is not currently at levels SJPS likes to see. The curriculum review process is much more than a purchase of materials. Our students' success is due to materials that support the creation of units of instruction aligned to the common core, the professional learning of our teachers, enhanced instructional and content strategies, and use of proven strategies in the classroom.

Student Success

The student growth will be measured with common assessments and standardized test results.

Implementation

The curriculum study and purchase of materials are expected to be complete by the Spring of 2014.

"We are excited about exploring a new math curriculum and integrating that into the new technology that is now available to teachers and students."

Kelly Gaideski
Curriculum Director