



AUCOE News

Curriculum Committee Tackles SBL and Other Topics

The Atlantic Union Office of Education Curriculum Committee met January 30-February 1, 2023. The days were packed with information for moving quality education forward in the Atlantic Union.

The curriculum committee is comprised of the superintendents and elementary and secondary teacher representatives from each conference in the union.

Charity Garcia from the International Center for Trauma Education and Care at Andrews University spoke to the committee about mental health in these trouble times. She urged educators to lead with connection instead of correction, to be real and vulnerable in modeling positive ways to handle stress, and to get to a place of responding not reacting.

The NWEA MAP scores for the union were reviewed and discussed.

Representatives from McGraw Hill gave an overview of the new social studies textbooks for K-8.

The committee reviewed and discussed Robert J. Marzano's book titled *The New Art and Science of Teaching*. The book presents 43 elements that include several instructional strategies to enhance student learning. It also suggests system changes to ensure high levels of learning for all students.

Training on the topic of Standards-Based Learning was given by Kali Douglas, a public school educator from Bermuda. She reviewed the benefits of SBL and how to correctly assess students using SBL. The curriculum committee members then had a discussion about how to proceed on the SBL journey in the union.

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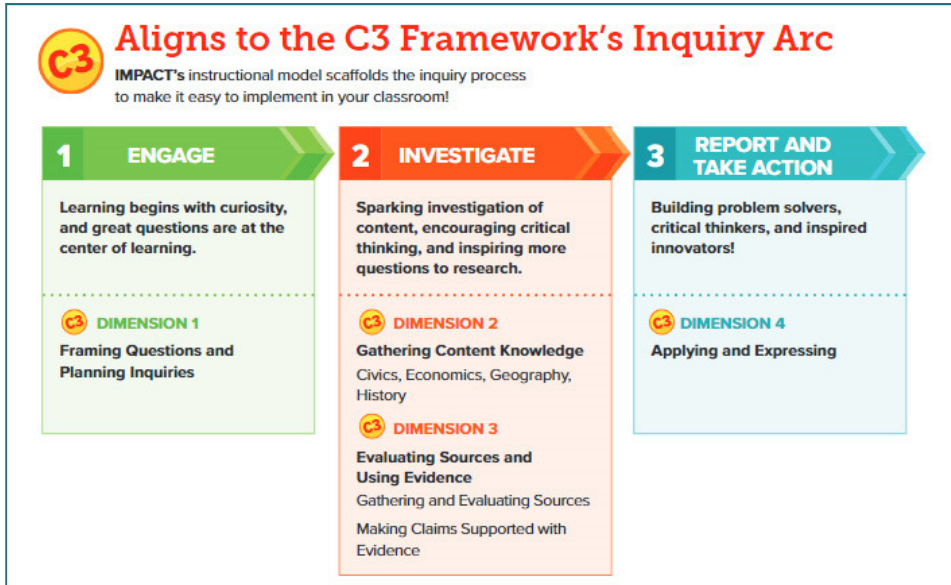
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New Social Studies Textbooks Approved



The NAD Curriculum Committee has approved a new textbook series for grade K-8. The new series is titled *Impact* for grades K-5 (K-4 multigrade) and *Voices and Perspectives* for grades 6-8 (5-8 multigrade). The program is an inquiry-based model with three stages: engage, investigate, and report and take action. It has a fully print option, a fully digital option, or a combination of print and digital. Look for information about virtual trainings coming up in April and May.

“Impact’s instructional model scaffolds the inquiry process to make it easy to implement in your classroom.”

NWEA MAP Reveal Strengths and Weaknesses

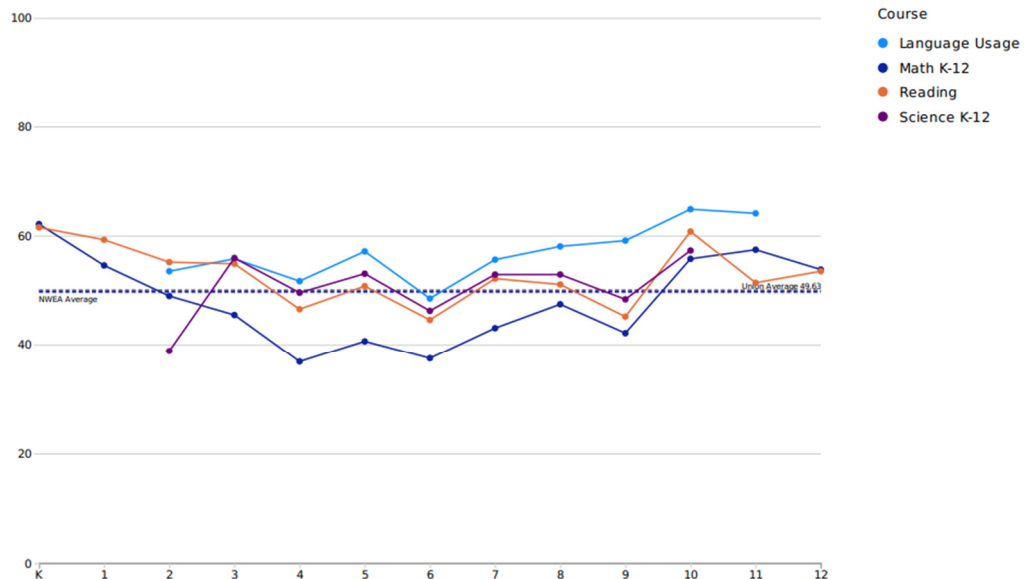
The MAP score averages from Fall 2023 testing session show a relative strength in Language Usage and a definite weakness in Math.

Here are some tips for helping your students to perform well:

- Discuss with students how the test helps them to measure their growth.
- Help students to set goals and become invested in their learning.
- While testing encourage students to do their best!

2022-2023 Atlantic Union Conference

Performance summary by percentile





The SBL Journey Continues

The Atlantic Union Office of Education is continuing to support conferences and schools on their journey to fully implementing Standards-Based Learning.

The critical components of SBL are prioritized standards, proficiency scales, high-quality assessments, and an aligned reporting system. SBL is about points learned not points earned!

Standards-Based Learning is a system in which standards are the focus of curriculum, instruction, assessment, feedback and grade reporting based on what a student knows and is able to do. (Heflebower et. al. 2019)

Where are you on the Standards-Based Learning Journey? Please take the short survey linked below to help us plan how to help you on your journey.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KM8BTVD>

NAD EDUCATORS' CONVENTION GEARING UP

The North American Division Educators' Convention is gearing up for an amazing experience!

Highlights of the convention include:

- Spark Tank
- Ed Talks
- Partners For Eternity Breakfast
- Podcasting Booth/Roving
- Mental Health Minutes
- Wi-Fi throughout venue
- Historical videos of Adventist Educators
- Fully dynamic backdrop on staging
- Cadence app
- Encounter breakout sessions
- SBL sessions
- Much more

