Lesson Planning Focuses Intent

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As we reach the midpoint of the first quarter, I want to remind everyone that planning for instruction is important. Intentional, focused lesson planning leads to higher quality teaching and increased student achievement. It should answer several questions.

What do we want students to know, do, and be like that they did not know, could not do, or were not like before they came to us? (objectives)

Why do we want them to know it, and why is it important? (rationale)

How will we get them there? (activities & strategies)

How will we know they made it? (assessment evidence)

What do we do of they already know it or if they didn’t get it the first time? (extension & enrichment)

Several CPS teachers have jumped on board with https://www.planbook.com, which is a tool I wish I had known about when I was still in the classroom. It has features like embedded state, AP, College Board, and IBA standards, national standards, and strategies in drop-down lists or

**STEPS**
**Mentoring**
September Checklist is due on 9/30. A fillable form is available on Google Classroom. Please make sure you are meeting weekly as mentor/mentee teachers and with building principals. (GA 3.1.1)

**Professional Learning Focus**
Next month in PLC I will be working with teachers to develop/refine the professional learning focus for TLE. Be thinking about where you would like to focus. (GA 3.3.1)

**Standards Binders**
Please make sure you are marking which standards you teach and when you teach them. (GA 2.2.1 & 2.2.2)
checkboxes. (You don’t have to look them up!) It costs $12 per year, and it’s a huge timesaver. You can also upload a PDF of your weekly plans to the Team Drive, and it’s pretty easy to use. I encourage you to check it out.

Whether you choose to use the templates in the team drive or PlanBook, please make sure your plans have the standards and content included and the document is uploaded to the team drive by 7:00 on Monday morning. Pacing calendars through the end of the first semester should also be uploaded.

**Professional Development Opportunities**

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10-Minute In-Service is coming to a PLC near you. Each month will be a rotation of Curriculum, ELL, Technology & SPED. If you have questions on those topics, please suggest it for a 10 minute in-service.


ELA: Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English Fall Conference: 9/30: UCO: https://goo.gl/5fjQU8

Arts: Oklahoma Arts Council Fall Arts Conference: 10/24-10/26: Enid: http://arts.ok.gov/Oklahoma_Arts_Conference/index.php?c=1&n=r


EdCamp Western OK: 10/7/17: Merritt Public Schools: www.edcampwo.weebly.com

If you wish to attend any of the above professional development opportunities or any other off-site PD, please fill out the professional development request form: https://goo.gl/YJrqQ6.

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In every grade level, and in every subject area, our goal is to reach 100% graduation for our students. What you do with your students every day should help to make sure your students are on track to graduate on time.