

**Kalkaska Public Schools
CDC Minutes
5-18-11**

Discussion

MEAP

New charts on MEAP Cohort Trends were passed out and discussed. Next year we will have new target scores to deal with and no one understands fully understands what this will mean. However; passing scores for all schools will go down sharply. The new Common Core State Standards will begin next year to replace some or most of the current Grade Level Content Expectations and by 2014 there is supposed to be a new assessment to replace the MEAP.

Common Core State Standards

A team of educators from Kalkaska Public Schools received a day of training at the TBAISD on the new CCSS. Training will continue next year. Teachers in the Kalkaska will begin making the transition from the GLCE's to the CCSS next year in the area of Math. Work in the area of English Language Arts will begin as soon as the state of Michigan catches up with the transition work needed on this program.

Elementary Writing Initiative

The elementary teachers have been working on a writing program this year. Next year all teachers will receive a binder that will hold Writing Maps, Writing Samples and Resources for Writing and a Common Vocabulary. Some time after the start of the year Writing Rubrics will be added to this binder. These binders will become the foundation of the elementary writing program.

Discussion on Next Year (2011-2012)

Discussion was held on what the CDC should be doing next year. The following are ideas for concentrating our work at the beginning of next year:

- **Elementary**
 - *Adopt an Elementary Book List*
 - *Bring in an expert from HSP to give us an in-service on our Math Program*
 - *Look at the Pre-School Grant to pay for bringing in as National Speaker on Writing*
- **Secondary**
 - *Writing Across the Curriculum*
- **In General**
 - *Kalkaska Experience*
 - *Create a list of all activities by grade level that all Kalkaska Students will experience while a student in this district*

**This is the last CDC meeting of the year.*