

Tredyffrin/Easttown School District
Middle School Advisory Committee Meeting

6/5/24

The Middle School Advisory Committee met on June 5, 2024. The committee's agenda for the meeting was to hear an update on the new pathways in Math and to discuss the implementation of the new state standards in Science, Technology and Engineering, Environmental Literacy, and Sustainability (STEELS).

The meeting began with introductions and a presentation from Dr. John Mull, Curriculum Supervisor of Mathematics. Dr. Mull shared an update on the strong tradition of success District students have experienced in math. During the presentation, Dr. Mull explained how historical shifts in the organization of US K-8 math curriculum standards have been addressed through existing TESD math curriculum pathways, and how the new Plus Pathway courses in math will provide additional options for students in sixth grade next school year and in seventh grade in the 2025-2026 school year.

The second presentation was led by Dr. Kim Morris, Curriculum Supervisor of Science and Business/Technology, and Mr. Mark Cataldi, Director of Assessment and Accountability. During their presentation to the committee, Dr. Morris and Mr. Cataldi explained that in order to meet the state's new STEELS state standards additional instruction is needed beyond the daily Science instruction in middle school. Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, the Technology and Engineering standards can be met through 30 sessions of a new course in grades 5-8. The following goals were shared:

- Implement a new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) course in grades 5 and 6 as part of the Special Areas rotation
- Redesign the current grades 7 and 8 Technology Education course into a STEM course

The new course would precipitate a schedule change for middle schools beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. The committee then worked in small groups developing and gathering thoughts about how to best incorporate the new course into the middle school schedule. No decisions were made, and the Middle School Advisory Committee will continue their discussions at meetings next year.