Strong Beginnings: New Faculty Onboarding & Opening Day Highlights

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Connection to Strategic Plan

Professional learning in District 25 is tailored to staff roles, experiences, and content areas. By offering diverse opportunities, the district empowers staff to continuously improve, supporting students' success and advancing the mission of creating a dynamic learning community.



D25 ONBOARDING

NFO WEEK

- Explore district resources and procedures
- Training on technology and supporting students
- ATA Luncheon

WELCOMING

- Welcome letter from Dr. Kaye
- Differentiated schedule
- FRAME Activity



HIRING

- Hire talented, passionate educators
- Seek diverse skills and perspectives
- Support student success





THRIVE IN D25



- Special education support
- Diverse Learners
- Danielson Framework



MENTORING

- Ongoing support and guidance
- Encouraging professional growth



SCHOOL LEVEL SUPPORT

- Lunch and learn with the principal
- Team meetings
- Instructional Coaching





NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION

Days of Training

Presenters



Sessions

New Faculty
Members



All Staff

- Technology Tool Kits
- Social Emotional Learning Overview
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support/Assessment Overview
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Overview
- I Love You Guys Training
- Teacher Evaluation and Danielson Framework
- Time with mentors and building administrators





K-5 Overview of Content Areas

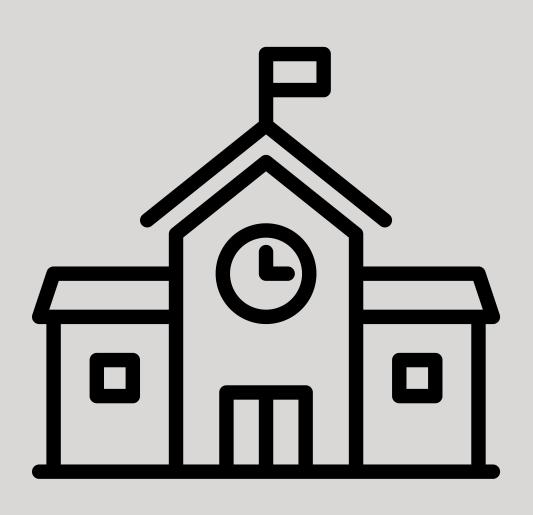
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Literacy

Middle School

- Department-specific
- Met with department chairs and team leaders

Non-Classroom

- Role-specific
- Met with team leaders and DSL Program Coordinator





Student Services Team

- Developing Strong Individualized Education Plans
- Professional Leadership
- Technology System for 504, IEP, Medicaid
- Maintaining Student Records
- Legal Guidelines for Special Education
- Role specific guidance





Technology

- Onboarded new faculty, providing them with laptops and all necessary account access.
- Presented on technology policies, including digital tool requests, data privacy, and instructional integration.
- Delivered grade-level specific workshops on digital curriculum resources.
- Facilitated hands-on training to prepare staff with essential tools for the school year.



Personnel

Co-facilitated orientation with ATA leadership to welcome new faculty, emphasizing the shared commitment between the ATA and District 25 administration to support professional growth and collaboration

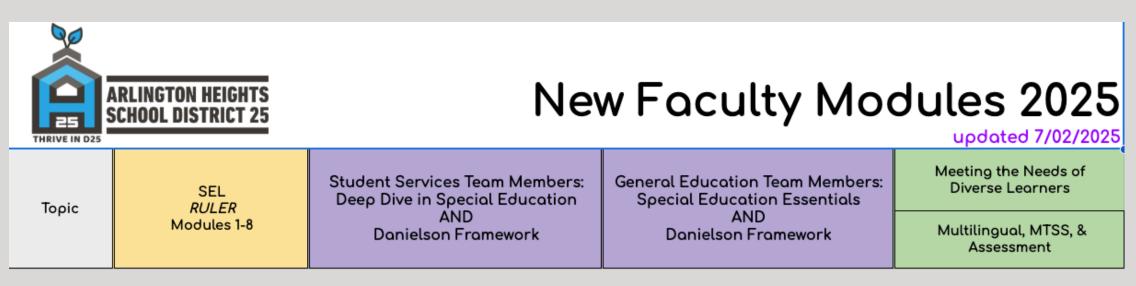
- Reviewed key district resources including the ATA agreement and evaluation handbook.
- Outlined the evaluation framework and timelines aligned to the Danielson model.
- Clarified expectations for observations and student growth within the evaluation process.



NEW FACULTY MODULES

Continuous Targeted Support

- Social Emotional Learning
 - RULER Modules
- Danielson Framework
- Special Education Services
- Meeting the Needs of Diverse Students
 - Assessment
 - Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
 - Multilingual Learners

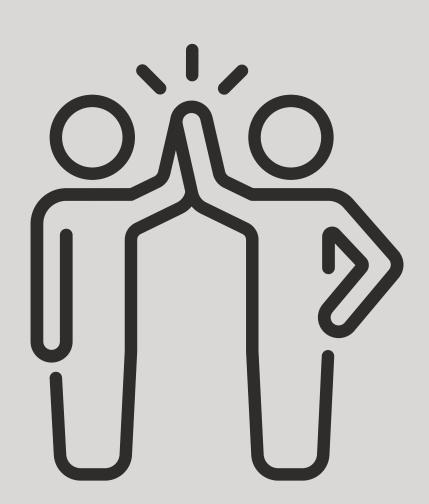




PERSONALIZED MENTORING

D25 Mentors:

- Provide guidance & emotional support
- Champions of district initiatives
- Offer resources & tools
- Promote reflective practice
- Trained by district administrators





OPENING DAYS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Focus Areas

- Literacy Training
 - HMH Into Reading
- MS Department-Based
 - Content area professional learning and steering committee work
- Student Skills Rotations
- Teaming Day
 - Collaboration at the building level





OPENING DAYS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Differentiated and Personalized

- Grade Level Specific Sessions for HMH Into Reading
- Department or role-based training opportunities
- Balance of whole group and small group sessions
- Collaboration of staff between buildings



OPENING DAY PD SESSIONS



Student Skill Rotations

Every K-8 team member had the opportunity to personalize their learning for student support skills.

- Executive Functioning 2.0
- Anxiety and How to Support Students
- Proactive Supports for Regulation
- Building Rapport, Trust, and Motivation in the Classroom
- Fostering Student Independence
- Tips & Tricks for the School Year
- Trauma-Informed Interventions





