

Greetings from the Curriculum Office! We are super excited to begin a new year with many exciting initiatives in grades 6-8. This past summer, teachers and administrators trained and worked hard as we present students with expanded offerings and continue to personalize learning. Trainings took place over the summer on the i-Ready math platform, Achieve3000 Language Arts program, Performance Matters Data Warehouse, Apex virtual classrooms and LATIC (learner-active, technology-infused classrooms.) As the names suggest, teachers will provide students with more tools to improve skills, reading aptitude and enrich their knowledge in areas of choice. Performance Matters is a brand new platform that provides teachers a detailed view of students' assessment data and other important information to help them craft an individualized learning plan. Achieve3000 and i-Ready are platforms that personalize learning for students in reading and math respectively. These programs help students grow their reading Lexile and master math skills. Apex Virtual Learning is an online learning program. Toms River Schools is using this to offer a blended learning Spanish enrichment class to qualifying students. LATIC is an interdisciplinary, student-led learning model that is being used in the high school career academies. Some Intermediate teachers have begun training in this model, as well.

The Curriculum office will continue to work with Supervisors, Building Administration and teachers to provide more learning opportunities for students. We look forward to a productive 2018-2019 school year!