

The ARLINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT-LEVEL INSTRUCTIONAL DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE functions as a representative advisory group for all AISD professional staff with regard to the establishment and review of the district's educational mission, goals, objectives and major district wide classroom instructional programs.

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CALENDAR WAIVER

Jerry McCullough, Deputy Superintendent presented the school calendar for the 2006-07 school year and discussed a TEA Waiver request for the first day of instruction. TEC Education Code §25.0811 states that school districts may begin instruction for the school year only during or after the week in which August 21 falls. Sunday is considered the first day of any given week. The effect of this statute is that districts may not begin instruction prior to the week of August 21, 2006 without a waiver required by the state.

A Calendar Committee composed of parents, students, and faculty/staff members was formed to develop a school calendar for the 2006-07 school year. The calendar recommended by this committee is similar to the calendar for the 2005-06 school year. This calendar requires a first day of instruction waiver from the Texas Education Agency. It is the intent of AISD to apply for a waiver to begin instruction on August 14, 2006 for the 2006-07 school year.

GIFTED & TALENTED AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT OVERVIEW

Janie Deterly, Secondary Reading Coordinator provided a presentation of the district's gifted and talented program, including advanced placement courses. The AISD program design is an array of learning opportunities to commensurate with Gifted & Talented student abilities and that emphasize content in the 4 core academic areas with:

- ❖ flexible grouping patterns,
- ❖ cluster grouping in self-contained classrooms, and
- ❖ out-of-school options provided.

ADVANCED CLASS VERTICAL ALIGNMENT

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented an update on Pre-AP and AP alignment. It is a goal for advanced academics program. Alignment of honors courses at the junior high level, PreAP and AP at the high school level. AISD will be creating a structure that identifies the skill sets necessary for students to be successful in these advanced courses.



QUESTIONS - To facilitate the answering of your question:

1. See if it can be answered with the resources within your building. 2. Refer your question in writing to the appropriate committee.

Scope of DIDC: Limited to AISD's educational goals, objectives, curriculum or instructional programs.

Scope of Communication Committee: Limited to wages, salaries, hours of work, benefits (excluding insurance) and conditions of work of Districtwide importance. **Contact: Rhonda Clark, Administration**

Insurance Committee Contact Person: Mary Catherine Monroe, Venture High School

Calendar Committee Contact Person: Shana Nix, Administration Building

Paraprofessional Communication Committee Contact Person: Lester Wolff, Administration

Maintenance/Operations/Warehouse Communication Committee Contact Person: Scott Darr

Transportation Communication Committee Contact Person: Mary DelBrail

Food Service Communication Committee Contact Person: Pat McDougald, Martin High School

If you have **suggestions** about any of the AISD's educational goals, objectives, curriculum or instructional programs, please fill out this form and attach it to a summary of your comments.

Send to DIDC, Attention: Becky Reynolds, DIDC Co-Facilitator, c/o Anne Brassell, Secondary Instruction, Arlington Independent School District, Arlington, Texas 76013. The **deadline** for consideration at the next DIDC meeting is **January 10, 2006**. All input by this date will be shared with the committee at its January 31, 2006 meeting. Please include your name and phone number so we may respond to your request personally.

Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____ Subject: _____

Topic: _____

Suggested Solution: _____

Would you like to be contacted personally by a member of the DIDC? _____ Yes _____ No

Please note: The District Level Instructional Decision Making Committee (DIDC) UPDATE is now on the AISD Website*.

*(www.aisd.net)