

**Agenda for the New Teacher Trainings, Curriculum Planning
and Orientation for New Teachers
to Arlington Public Schools
August 23 - 26, and August 30
2021 - 2022**

Welcome to all new teachers to Arlington Public Schools! We are excited to have you as members of our staff and we are very happy to be able to provide you with the **August New Teacher Days**.

The following agenda will provide you with information regarding the training sessions that will take place that will inform you of APS programs, curriculum and procedures, and more... Please read it carefully.

*Each training session listed is designated for a specific group of **new** teachers. Some training sessions will be for **ALL NEW STAFF**. Please be sure to identify the session heading that pertains to your grade level and/or position. During the times that you are not in a session you are free to work in your own classrooms.*

Most of the training sessions will be held in person at **the Gibbs School 41 Foster St.** **Some** training sessions will be held in classrooms in other buildings where materials are easily accessible. Your department leader or session facilitator will notify you if the location for their session is **not** at Gibbs. Please sign in each day when you enter the **Gibbs** lobby or with your department leader if at a different location. Room assignments for daily training sessions scheduled for the **Gibbs**, August 23 - 26th, will be posted in the lobby entrance.

Lunch break each day will be 1 hour and can be a working lunch in some cases with adequate breaks. Please bring your own lunch on August 23 - 26. Snacks will be provided each day.

On August 30th, at The New Teacher Orientation, snacks will be available and lunch will be provided by the **Arlington Education Association (AEA)**

If you have questions, please contact your department leaders, your principals, Rob Spiegel, HR Director, or Marie Janiak, Coordinator of the Arlington Mentoring and Induction Program.

Once again, Welcome to Arlington Public Schools and good luck in what we know will be a great 2021-2022 school year!

Thank you,
Marie Janiak
Coordinator of the Arlington Mentoring and Induction Program

Monday, August 23, 2021

ALL NEW STAFF

8:30 - 9:00 **School-based Accounts Office Hours** *with the Digital Learning staff.* In this half hour session, we will answer account-related questions and troubleshoot any login issues related to PowerSchool, Google, Clever, and other apps. **Please bring your school issued laptop. Chrome Books will be available for use for those who have not yet been issued an APS laptop. (at Gibbs)**

Following this presentation move to the next session indicated by your grade level or specialty.

Gr. 1 & Gr. 2 General Ed. and L.S., SLC Teachers (who will be teaching gr. 1 & gr. 2 students)

9:00 - 2:00 Wilson Foundations Training - with a Literacy Coach. **Teachers will be notified if not at Gibbs.**

Gr. 3 General Ed. Teachers and L.S., SLC Teachers (who will be teaching Gr. 3 students)

9:00 - 2:00 Spelling/Word Study Overview with Literacy Coaches. **Teachers will be notified of location if not at Gibbs.**

The meetings led by department heads and/or curriculum leaders that include mentors and new teachers will be held in person at a location TBD. You will be notified by the department/curriculum leaders if the venue changes.

Gr. 1 - 5 General Ed. Specialists (art, music, ELL, p.e., guidance, etc.)

AND

Gr. 6 - 12 General Ed. Teachers

9:00 - 2:00 Meet with your curriculum leaders and/or your mentors to review curriculum and to plan for the beginning of the school year

Your curriculum leader and/or your mentor will contact you with information regarding the location if not at Gibbs.

Working Lunch

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

ALL NEW STAFF (at Gibbs)

8:00 - 10:00

DIGITAL LEARNING ORIENTATION - ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Director of Digital Learning

And

Digital Learning Specialists: Johanna Galvin, Jeff Snyder and Robin Peaslee

During this orientation, we will review 1) the core suite of apps available to educators, staff, and students, 2) familiarize you with APS online resources, 3) explain our process and the district expectations related to student data privacy, and 4) how to access digital learning and IT assistance.

Please bring your school issued laptop. Chrome Books will be available for use for those who have not yet been issued an APS laptop.

10:00-10:15

Break

10:15-10:45 **Overview of the METCO Program, with the Director of the METCO Program**

10:45 -12:00 **Overview of the Teacher Evaluation System/Talent Ed with Dr. Roderick MacNeal, Jr., Assistant Superintendent**

Working Lunch

12:00 - 2:00

HR/Benefits/Payroll/Certification/Licensure with Rob Spiegel, HR Director and Kelly Pigott, HR Assistant Director

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Gr. K - 5 General Ed. Teachers, Special Ed. L.S and SLC Teachers

8:00 - 9:00 Overview of the Social Studies Curriculum *with Denny Conklin, Director of Social Studies and Crystal Power, Social Studies Coach (at Gibbs)*

9:00 - 10:30 Overview of the Elementary Math Curriculum and Assessments *with Matt Coleman, Director of Math and the Math Coaches (at Gibbs)*

10:30 - 11:00 **Break**
(Includes time to move to next session)

11:00 - 2:00 Math Curriculum Planning with Math Grade Level Mentors and Coaches
Special Ed. L.S and SLC Teachers will join the mentor of the grade they are teaching and leave to join the Sped. Easy IEP and Special Ed. Procedures meeting at 12:00

The meetings led by department heads and/or curriculum leaders that include mentors and new teachers will be held in person. You will be notified by the department or curriculum leaders of the location of these meetings if not at Gibbs.

Pre K - Gr. 12 All New Special Ed. Teachers, Special Ed. Staff and Special Ed. Mentors

12:00 - 2:00 Easy IEP, Special Ed. Procedures, other Special Ed. topics will be *with Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education, Special Ed. Coordinators, and Special Ed. Mentors (at Gibbs)*

Please bring your school issued laptop. Chrome Books will be available for use for those who have not yet been issued an APS laptop.

Lunch 1 hour

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Gr. K - 5 General Ed. Teachers and Special Ed. L.S. and SLC Teachers

8:00 - 9:00 Overview of the Elementary Science Curriculum *with Sam Hoyo, Director of Science and Coach (at Gibbs)*

9:00 - 10:00 Overview of the Elementary Literacy Program *with Deb Perry, ELA Director and Literacy Coaches (at Gibbs)*

10:00 - 10:30

Break
(Includes time to move to next session)

10:30 -2:00 Grade Level Literacy Mentors meet with mentees in individual schools- Special Ed. L.S and SLC teachers may join.

The Literacy meetings with department heads, mentors and new teachers will be in person. You will be notified by the department/curriculum leaders with further detail on site location if not at Gibbs.

Gr. 6 - 12 General Ed. Specialists ((art, music, ELL, p.e., guidance, etc.)
8:00 - 2:00 Meet with your curriculum leaders and/or your mentors to review the curriculum and to plan for the beginning of the school year.

Your curriculum leader or and/your mentor will contact you with information regarding the on site location if not at Gibbs.

Lunch 1 hour

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021
ALL New Teachers - Orientation Day
Arlington Public Schools
at
Gibbs School 41 Foster Street

(All presentations will be in person.)

- 8:30 - 9:00** **Words of Welcome**
 Dr. Elizabeth Homan, Superintendent of Schools
 Arlington School Committee Member
 Introduction of Administrative Team
- 9:00 - 9:15** **Overview of Mentoring for New Teachers** *with Marie Janiak*
 Coordinator of Mentoring and Induction of New Teachers
- 9:15 - 10:15** **Overview of the Role of Special Education in Arlington**
 with Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education
- 10:15 - 10:30** **Break**
- 10:30 - 11:30** **Overview of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)**
 with Margaret Credle Thomas, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- 11:30 - 12:30** **Overview of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)**
 with Sara Burd, Social Emotional Learning and School Counseling
 Director
- Working Lunch**
to be provided by the Arlington Education Association (AEA)
- 12:30 - 2:00** **Arlington Education Association Presentation**