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Assignment: Early College and Linked Learning

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It is with great honor and esteem that I embark emerging concept of Early College and Linked Learning with the Ayala High School staff, students, and community for the 2014-15 school year. I am excited to fulfill the district's vision of offering 9-14 years of education and/or dual credits. In addition, a Computer Science and Engineering courses in respect to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Educational enrichment. My goal is to work collaboratively with the principal to create multiple pathways for students at Ruben S. Ayala High School. Thus far the Engineering pathways has been implemented with the Business pathway is near ready to launch.

Early College and Linked Learning involves the implementation of a college readiness program that offers students the opportunity to earn an Associate Degree and/or dual college credits while matriculating from high school. Particularly, I look forward to the addition of stimulating and thought-provoking courses in Computer Science and Engineering for this upcoming school year. To build the program, we have begun working with incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders and future incoming high school students. Offering college courses on the campus of Ayala High School provides students a unique opportunity to earn college courses simultaneously earning a high school diploma. Moreover the college program can save parents money by earning college or transferable credits for student's potential future university of study. The Linked Learning provides courses unique to AHS considering Computer Science and Engineering capstone course will only exist at Ayala High School for Chino Valley Unified School District.

This 2014-15 school year initiates the planning year for the future of this program; consequently, your input and support will be welcomed at our upcoming community forums, staff meetings, or emails expressing your interest and/ or feedback. In addition, we are looking to form an Advisory Committee to develop a collective vision from our community. Check the Ayala High School website for those impending dates and times.

Note: I will continue to maintain my traditional assignment as the Director of Alternative Education and Virtual School Programs.

I am enjoying my return to Ayala High School. I reflect upon it as a homecoming because I served as Assistant Principal during the 2000/01 school year. It was a great honor then and an exceptional privilege now to stand united with Principal Diana Yarboi in servicing the community in which I call home.

Principal Yarboi and I look forward to fulfilling a collective vision by brining our stakeholders to the table to meet and discuss the expectations in this mission, as well the goals for the community and Ayala High School faculty and students.

## Early College

This summer, I worked closely with Superintendent Wayne Joseph and Deputy Superintendent Norman Enfield, along with the President of Chaffey College, to discuss the Early Years College partnership. Consequently, this fall we are offering a course on the Ayala High School campus that is also in alignment with Career Tech Education (CTE) and college readiness.

Oftentimes, as we have observed in the past decade, our students leave the district in search of specialized programs such as IB. However, the district (as well as myself, personally) feels strongly that we can offer the same services in a similarly more concentrated academic area of focus for such a population of students.

## Linked Learning

A few of our comprehensive high schools are part of Linked Learning. What is “Linked Learning”? With the implementation of Common Core, the concept of Career Technical Education (CTE) and college readiness became an essential part of the new focus for educational reform. In addition, Project Lead the Way (PLTW) has created pathways for our students to learn more relevance in the subjects of science and math. The new focus aims to offer science, technology, and math (STEM) in a different, innovative manner. Recently, the subject of art was added to this course list, creating the acronym STEAM.

My charge to Ayala High School is to increase the awareness of CTE and assist in facilitating the construction of other pathways that similarly prepare students for college and careers, including, but not limited to, business, performance academies, and digital production, thus creating three areas of focus that are different than the other three (3) comprehensive high schools in our district.

I am working closely with the Principal at Ayala High School to assist and facilitate a PLTW on for the final implementation for of all these wonderful projects. In a swift, timely manner two (2) teachers were sent to training at El Camino College with the goal of launching Computer Science and Engineering at Ayala in the fall of the 2014-15 school year. Most importantly, the teachers selected are enthusiastic about the project.

As a district and school representative, I feel strongly that all the schools, and eventually even the feeder schools, will create the most innovative 21<sup>st</sup> century learning to service students, not only in a different way, but also in a flexible way. There are endless possibilities in this journey that will have a profound, positive impact on the CVUSD student body.

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