

Iowa Core Updates

You may or not be aware that the state of Iowa has implemented legislation to help improve Iowa schools. This legislation is titled “Iowa Core Curriculum” and focuses on 6 major outcomes:

- Outcome 1: Shared Leadership
- Outcome 2: Community Involvement
- Outcome 3: Continuous School Improvement
- Outcome 4: Curriculum Alignment with Core Essential Characteristics
- Outcome 5: Professional Development
- Outcome 6: Effective Instruction and Best Practices

For the past two years, St. Paul’s Lutheran School has developed a Leadership committee that has been working on our plan to align with the Iowa Core. Committee members include: Mrs. Carol Draube, Mrs. Micki Shorey, Mr. Aaron Becker, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Shook, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Zirpel, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Larsen, Miss Sensanbaugh and Aidan Shorey. We would like to include some more business and community members. If you are interested, please let Mrs. Strong know.

Actions we have accomplished so far include the following:

1. A Leadership team was formed.
2. We have written a vision statement and SMART goals for the school.
3. We have formed a baseline and timeline for progress.
4. We have written a Staff Development plan.
5. We have aligned core subjects and found gaps in Health/Safety so added a Health & Safety curriculum.
6. We have studied the Needs Assessment survey and assessments to find needs in the school. We evaluated the Math program and added a Visitors’ Log.
7. We have contacted community members and made partnerships to help with career exploration and 21st Century skills.
8. We have written a performance summary for new staff or next level teachers.
9. We have collaborated on effective instruction and new technology.

This is a continuing process. We evaluate our program each year and write action plans for the following year. We will continue to address alignment and implement effective instruction and best practices as we strive to give your child the best Christian education possible.

Vision: Preparing every student for life and eternity with Christ-centered academic excellence.

For the Lord gives wisdom, and from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

Prov. 2:6