

HSTW**Oklahoma High Schools That Work**

Happy New Year!

Expect Numerous Opportunities To Enhance Classrooms

Expect numerous changes in your services from *CareerTech* in the coming months. ISS will surprise you with new and innovative services that add life to the learning experience. Find great satisfaction in sharing ideas that benefit students. If you have not had a chance to look at the *HSTW* website do so now at <http://www.okcareertech.org/hstw/>.

ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING AND CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

CURRICULUM SHOWCASE - Are you looking for increased rigor and innovation that can be incorporated into the classroom? The showcase highlights emerging technology and innovative learning tools and curriculum that may be of value to you. Team attendance is recommended to include an administrator, math, science, business and information technology and agriculture instructor. Contact Debbie McElroy at dmcel@okcareertech.org no later than January 16, 2008 to register.

HARVARD ANNOUNCEMENT - Harvard University has announced undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, 'When only 10 percent of the students in Elite higher education come from families in lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough. We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution.' The Harvard University wants to pay the tuition for families earning less than \$60,000 a year if they have an honor student graduating from high school soon. To learn more visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

SMITHSONIAN WEBSITE – at <http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/>. Find lessons and resources that meet our state standards. Simply list the state, grade level and academic area and "POOF", they appear like magic. They are listed by Standard and sub-Standard.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND ASSESSMENT WEBSITE – at <http://sde.state.ok.us> was suggested by Cathy Douglas, Director of Language Arts Education, Office of Standards and Curriculum – Oklahoma, to review the sample papers for 5th and 8th grade as well as English II. Click on the site index - the lowest button located on the left side of the screen then on Accountability and Assessments. The main page is a link for Presentations under Teachers and Administrators. When you click on that, the first line has the sample papers. Those participating in the WebX presentation were shown these papers. Now you can download them yourself.



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THINGS TO REMEMBER AS YOU ADMINISTER THE 2008 *HSTW* ASSESSMENT

HSTW ASSESSMENT – The administration window for the 2008 *HSTW* Assessment is here! The student window is **January 7 – February 1, 2008** and the teacher window is **January 7 – February 15, 2008**. Here are a few things to remember as you administer the assessment:

1. All administration materials are online at <http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/Assessment/2008/Admin/index.asp>. The final version of the Test Administration Guide was included with your student assessment materials.
2. All assessment materials should have arrived in early December. If missing student assessment materials, contact Lisa Rion of ETS at 609-734-5646. If missing teacher survey materials, contact Allison Timberlake of SREB at 404-879-5575.
3. Fully complete the student roster form (including student names and assessment answer document ID numbers) and [keep on file with your testing records for five years](#).
4. SREB recommends you complete Section 1 of the Student Survey (course history) for students. If that is not an option, prepare a copy of the completed course-matching chart for each student along with each student's transcript and spring course schedule.
5. Return all student assessment materials to **Educational Testing Service** using the instructions provided and materials included in your shipment as soon as you have completed the assessment, but no later than **February 1, 2008**.
6. Return all completed teacher survey answer documents to the **University of Georgia** address listed on your yellow survey control form as soon as you have completed the survey, but no later than **February 15, 2008**.
7. If you have questions concerning the administration process contact Aaron Boyd at aaron.boyd@sreb.org or 404-879-5611 or Allison Timberlake at allison.timberlake@sreb.org or 404-879-5575.

HSTW TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISITS – Winter weather means rescheduling the U.S. Grant High School TA visit. Stay tuned for the new dates. Upcoming TA visit dates are:

January 30-31, 2008	Charles Page High School	State led TA Visit
February 11-12 2008	East Central High School	Technical Review Visit
February 13-14, 2008	Will Rogers High School	Technical Review Visit
February 26-27, 2008	Mountain View-Gotebo High School	State led TA Visit
March 4-5, 2008	Granite High School	State led TA Visit
March 4-5, 2008	Blair High School	State led TA Visit
March 11-12, 2008	Broken Bow High School	Technical Review Visit
March 31-April 1, 2008	Olustee High School	State led TA Visit
April 28-30, 2008	Piedmont High School	SREB led TA Visit

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CAREER TECH UPDATE **January 3, 2008**

National math competition expands to individual schools

[USA Today](#) (1/2, Naseef) reported that "educators say a new program provided by a math organization," Mathcounts, "is breeding success that leaves students eager to take on more math challenges." Mathcounts created a competition format resembling the National Spelling Bee 25 years ago, "in which teams of four middle school students from across the county face off in annual problem-solving contests at the local, state and national levels." But this year, "the organization launched the Mathcounts Club Program, which lets schools start their own clubs that offer math challenges in which students compete only with themselves." Schools in the new program "start at the 'bronze' level, but by taking monthly math challenges and doing well on them," the schools can advance to higher levels. According to Freddy Weller, a math teacher and Mathcounts coach, "Participating in the club not only helps students do better in their regular math classes, but it also helps them think logically, a skill they will draw on for the rest of their lives."

CURRICULUM MAPPING

Dr. Heidi Jacobs will return to Oklahoma City for a Mapping 101 Pre-conference and a Train the Trainer institute!

Pre-Conference: April 2, 2008
Curriculum Mapping 101
Featuring Heidi Hayes Jacobs, Susan Udelhofen, Earl Nicholas, and Jeanne Tribuzzi

Conference: April 3–4, 2008
Training of Trainers
Featuring Heidi Hayes Jacobs plus practitioner Janet Hale
Breakout Sessions
Location: Moore Norman Technology Center, OKC

Heidi Hayes Jacobs reminds us that this is not something to add to your plate - this IS the plate!

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COUNSELORS CONFERENCE

Thursday, March 6, 2008
Moore Norman Technology Center, South Penn Campus, 134th and South Penn, Oklahoma City
Register on-line at:
<http://apps.sde.state.ok.us/counselors/default.asp>
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