

ACE Goals 2011-2012

1. The ACE consortium will promote and provide training opportunities that focus on areas of curriculum, assessment, and best practice methods that maximize student learning.
2. Through cooperative efforts of the participating schools, the ACE consortium will provide curriculum templates that align with state and national standards.
3. Through cooperative efforts of the participating schools, the ACE consortium will provide rubric, performance assessment and other assessment models that relate to the curriculum templates and fulfill the state and national requirements
4. The ACE consortium will provide centralized resources for participating schools that include, but are not limited to, best practice materials, textbook resources, human resources, and professional development materials.
5. The ACE consortium will consistently evaluate and re-evaluate past practices, national and state requirements, and school improvement methods in an effort to provide its member schools with timely reliable resources which maximize student learning.

Alliance for Curriculum Enhancement

Mission Statement:

Through cooperative efforts of participating schools, the ACE consortium will develop and implement a meaningful curriculum and related assessments that meet the academic needs of our students, and the state and national requirements.

The ACE consortium will provide training and direction to promote curriculum development and assessment that maximizes student learning.

Current Board Members:

Al Sipes, Superintendent, Columbus Public Schools

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The Value of ACE Membership

ACE Member Benefits:

- 1) **Participation in two PIR days.** One in the fall and one in the Spring. ACE provides this opportunity for exposure to and work with nationally recognized and accomplished speakers in the education field.
- 2) **Curriculum Design, Development, and Alignment.** ACE provides member schools with the opportunity to work with surrounding districts on designing curriculum and assessments for the 21st century student. The focus is on curriculum review, revision, and development as well as building resources through unit and lesson plan design.
- 3) **Providing a resource for professional development needs.** ACE provides several opportunities throughout the year for schools to participate in various professional development settings. This includes, but is not limited to: MEA Replacement Options, Summer Workshops, Technology Integration, 6 Trait Writing, AIMSWeb Training, NWEA/MAP Assessment Training, and Instructional Strategies.
- 4) **Partnership Benefits.** ACE currently partners with local organizations such as CSPD Region III and MRESA 3 to ensure all professional development and continuing education needs are met for our members. ACE also has established partnerships with NWEA and Compass Learning to offer these solutions for our member schools at an affordable rate.

Contracted Services

In addition to our membership services, ACE also offers schools the option of contracting services that are specific to their needs. Currently these areas include, but are not limited to:

- Common Core Standards
- School/District Curriculum Alignment
- Curriculum Mapping
- Analyzing Assessment Data
- Professional Learning Communities
- School Improvement Process
- Flexible Grouping/Differentiated Instruction
- Instructional Strategies
- Classroom Walkthroughs
- Implementing 21st Century Skills
- Arts Integration

For more information on contracted services, contact Andrea Fischer at : afischer.acemt@gmail.com or (406) 690-9872

In the Works

While ACE has areas of specific focus, often current educational initiatives, trends and issues help drive the direction of the consortium. Currently ACE is concentrating on implementing the following along with member schools:

- **Common Core Standards—** Implementation begins in January 2012 for ACE member schools. We will offer overview sessions and begin work on transitioning over to Common Core in both Mathematics and English/ Language Arts.
- **Curriculum Mapping Software—** ACE is researching different software capabilities that will allow member districts the ability to map curriculum, analyze instructional practices, and evaluate effectiveness.

