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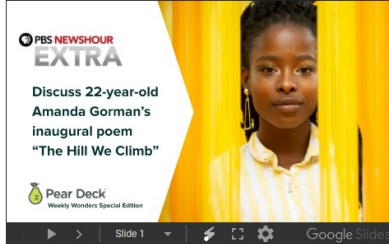
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Try Pear Deck today!

This school year, a premium account is available to all Inyo county teachers and administrators. If you have not tried it yet, try it today to make slides more interactive and to help with formative assessment. Check out the [Orchard](#) for Daily Newsela and Weekly PBS Newshour lessons. For example, share Amanda Gorman's inspirational poem with your students with this [deck](#). Peardeck has also prepared resources in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) for helping our caregiver partners to communicate about how it works, including a [video](#) you can push out to families. Lastly, Peardeck is hosting a [free learning event](#) for teachers on February 20th. If you attend at least one session that day, complete this [form](#) to enter a raffle for a \$20 gift card to a local restaurant!



Virtual access to high quality professional learning continues, and we love learning for our students!

As we think about a bright future, join this on demand opportunity: [Leading Forward in 2021](#) and know you are not alone in facing the challenge of accelerating learning, equity and well-being for students.

Live PD more your passion? Check out the ICOE PD Calendar at <https://learn.inyocoe.org/teachers/professional-learning>. Some highlights in the month to come:

- ~[Engaging in Literacy](#): Designing for Literacy Development in the Hybrid Classroom (Feb 8)
- ~["Make & Take" Webinars](#) on Behavior, UDL, Math, Cultural Responsiveness, or SEL (ongoing)
- ~[Science at Home](#): Exploring Bubbles with the Exploratorium (Feb 23)

Timely & Relevant Curriculum Resources

Many students and families have questions about the COVID 19 vaccination. Orange County Department of Education has developed standards-aligned resources for teachers and districts about the COVID 19 vaccination including printable posters (Materials tab), student information sheets by grade span, lessons and vetted resources about the current vaccine effort. For more information, please see <https://ocde.us/EducationalServices/StudentAchievementAndWellness/Health/VaccinationEducation/Pages/default.aspx>.

[SEL 101 for Parents](#) (scroll down):

With the increased focus and deserved attention on social emotional learning, help parents and caregivers understand that effort and be a partner in supporting students' social emotional development. Consider sharing the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) video or discussion guide with parents (available in English and Spanish).



Health Education - Professional Learning Opportunity TK-12

The 2019 California Health Framework is a guidance document for teachers to develop lessons to address the K-12 Health Standards. This updated framework comes with many great classroom applicable features. Please join us in learning about this timely topic, including nutrition, social emotional and community health. Educators in Inyo county have two ways to learn more about each section of the Framework both of which result in a small grant-funded stipend if completed.

The first option is to attend live Zoom sessions from 3-4:15pm:

- Nutrition & Physical Activity - March 10
- Mental, Emotional & Social Health - March 17
- Growth, Development & Sexual Health - March 24
- Injury Prevention & Safety - April 14
- Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs - April 21
- Personal & Community Health - April 28

Staff can attend all the sessions or pick topics of interest. For each session attended, educators can earn a \$50 stipend.

The second option is to complete a self-paced, asynchronous course. The course, however is chunked differently and teachers will earn \$100 per course upon completion:

- Course 1: Nutrition & Physical Activity + Mental, Emotional & Social Health
- Course 2: Growth, Development & Sexual Health + Injury Prevention & Safety
- Course 3: Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs + Personal & Community Health

Staff may choose to enroll in all the courses or choose one or two to complete. Work must be complete by May 31, 2021 in order to earn the stipends for the self-paced courses.

To see what Health Content is covered at each grade level, please see this [document](#).

Use this [REGISTRATION LINK](#) to sign up for either the live sessions or the online course. If you have any questions, please contact Ilissa at ext. 2197 or itwomey@inyocoe.org.

Spring 2021 Assessment Update

Due to the current circumstances with COVID-19, there are several changes to summative assessment this year. In September, the federal Department of Education indicated that states would be required to administer annual summative assessments in Spring 2021 without exception. With a new administration, that may change but for the time being districts are still planning for administering the ELA, Math, Science and English Learner assessments this spring. The state required Physical Fitness Test has been suspended this year, while the PE minutes requirement remains. The SBAC ELA and Math assessments will be shortened by about half and both in person and remote testing options will be available to LEAs. The performance tasks (PT) will be the same, but the number of items (Computer Adaptive Test or CAT) per claim will be reduced by half.

Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment for ELA Short Form: Number of Items by Claim

Claim	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grade 11
Total	CAT = 20, PT = 4*	CAT = 22, PT = 4*	CAT = 22, PT = 4*
1. Reading	CAT = 8, PT = 0	CAT = 10, PT = 0	CAT = 10, PT = 0
2. Writing	CAT = 4, PT = 3	CAT = 4, PT = 3	CAT = 4, PT = 3
3. Listening	CAT = 4, PT = 0	CAT = 4, PT = 0	CAT = 4, PT = 0
4. Research/Inquiry	CAT = 4, PT = 1	CAT = 4, PT = 1	CAT = 4, PT = 1

*PT Full write item is counted as 3 items

Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment for Math Short Form: Number of Items by Claim

Claim	Grades 3-5, 7, 8	Grade 6	Grade 11
Total	CAT = 17, PT = 4-6	CAT = 16-17, PT = 4-6	CAT = 18, PT = 4-6
1. Concepts & Procedures	CAT = 10, PT = 0	CAT = 9-10, PT = 0	CAT = 11, PT = 0
2. Problem Solving	CAT = 1, PT = 1-2	CAT = 1, PT = 1-2	CAT = 1, PT = 1-2
3. Communicating Reasoning	CAT = 4, PT = 0-2	CAT = 4, PT = 0-2	CAT = 4, PT = 0-2
4. Modeling & Data Analysis	CAT = 2, PT = 1-3	CAT = 2, PT = 1-3	CAT = 2, PT = 1-3

Approximate Testing Times for Smarter Balanced ELA & Math

Claim	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grade 11
ELA	2:45	2:45	3:00
Math	2:30	3:00	3:30

The 2021 Summative English Language Proficiency Assessment of California (ELPAC) and California Science Test (CAST, administered in grades 5, 8 and once in HS), while not shortened this year, can also be given in person or remotely. It is important to note that there is not a medical exemption available nor can parents opt out of the ELPAC. While it may seem an onerous task given the circumstances, summative assessments provide data at the school and district level to inform continuous improvement and monitor trends. Whereas interim assessments provide teachers with actionable data to inform instruction and can also be used as a whole-class instructional tool giving students an understanding of the structure and expectations of Smarter Balanced assessments. In a small group setting, the interim assessments can be used for targeted intervention. For example, a breakout room can be used with a group of students to show an interim assessment item while the teacher provides specific instruction to clarify any misconceptions and boost students' learning. There are over 160 interim assessments available to teachers. The three types are:

- Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs) - like a summative assessment
- Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) - covers smaller bundles of content
- Focused IABs - covers an even smaller bundle of content, up to 3 assessment targets

To see what interim assessments are available at your grade level, see this [document](#).

For more information, including information on the California Alternative Assessment, please see this [website](#) that will be updated regularly or watch this 36-minute [video overview](#) (updated January 11th). If you have any questions or need additional assistance with assessment, contact Ilissa (itwomey@inyocoe.org).

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
AND POETRY FOUNDATION PRESENT



High school students in Inyo County are invited to compete virtually in the annual national poetry recitation contest.

This national arts education program encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students across the country. This program helps students master public speaking skills and build self-confidence, while also learning more about both classic and contemporary poetry.

This year's event will be a video submission contest: Each contestant will record their two required poems and submit them to ICA. Contest judges and the accuracy judge provide scores for each criterion and review independently - the same as live competitions.

The submission deadline is midnight February 10, 2021. Winners will be announced, and all performances will be available for viewing, on February 12th

Monetary prizes will be awarded to participants, teacher mentors, & the winning school!

More information is available at inyo.org/poetryoutloud and at poetryoutloud.org, including guidelines for video submissions, and the poem anthology.