

Curriculum & Student Development Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:30 PM

Town Campus Hammonasset Room/Zoom, 10 Campus Drive , Madison, CT 06443

I. **International Trip: Portugal**

II. **Madison Multi-language Learners**

III. **Curriculum Outreach**

IV. **Public Comment**

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Portugal 2026

April 9-16



Trip Overview

- ❑ **Safety**
- ❑ **Insurance - Travel Essentials Plan included**
- ❑ **Educational, experiential and growth value to students**
- ❑ **Itinerary**
- ❑ **Registration for students**

Safety

Prometour Travel Company

- ❑ 50+ years of experience
- ❑ Dedicated Prométour guide for the entirety of the trip (once we land in Portugal) who speaks Portuguese. The guides are typically native to the cities we are visiting and are experienced with educational travel
- ❑ Mary Merkle has been using Prometour for international trips since 2012.
- ❑ 24/7 emergency contact number; Paris & Montreal offices
- ❑ Three DHHS chaperones included in the fee regardless of trip numbers

Safety continued ...

Mary Merkle:

- Organized and led the 2019 & 2023 trips to France; has organized & led numerous trips to Québec
- Served as chaperone on recent trip to Ecuador (and Galapagos)
- Traveled extensively domestically and internationally in Europe and Asia.
- Has been teaching French at DHHS since 2014

Rosana Casais:

- Chaperone on past trips w/Mme Merkle to Quebec (2025, 2023)
- Experienced traveler throughout Europe, especially the Iberian peninsula
- Has been teaching Spanish at DHHS since 2019

Insurance

- ❑ Travel Insurance through Prometour (included)
- ❑ General trip insurance coverage (includes medical). Overall trip cost of approximately \$3390 (w/24 travelers) includes Travel Protection Essentials.
- ❑ Travel Protection Plus = \$195 extra [CFAR- Cancel for Any Reason is the highest level of trip insurance and is available for an extra charge.]

Why travel internationally?

- **To gain a greater understanding of and empathy** for other people and cultures
- To better understand cultural curiosities. Cultural immersion makes all the difference!
- **To move outside of your comfort zone** with others who may have the same fears or concerns
- To learn the basics of another language! [Rosana is fluent in Portuguese and will be doing a few lessons with travelers prior to travel.]
- **To learn to use public transportation** in another country.
- To develop confidence when exploring new towns and cities with peers
- **To make new friends!**

Itinerary - Lisbon

Day 1: Thursday, 9 April - Students depart from Daniel Hand after school to fly to Lisbon. Bus cost is **not included** and we will take a school bus or livery bus to airport - [Approx. \$100 R/T.]

(Students will likely miss Friday & be responsible for any work missed. This depends upon ticketing by Prometour.)

Day 2: Friday, 10 April - transfer to hotel. Take public transportation to get around Lisbon. Visit Portos do Sol viewpoint.

Day 3: Saturday, 11 April - Discover different sites in Lisbon: Mosteiro dos Jeronimos, Padrão dos Descobrimentos, Belem Tower, **Sao Jorge Castle** (guided tour) and **Barrio Alfama**. [castle, top right photo], [Alfama, middle photo]

Day 4: Sunday, 12 April - Discover Palacio da Pena in Sintra with a guided tour. Enjoy queixada de Sintra, a local treat similar to cheesecake. Stop at Cabo da Roca and visit the fishing village of Cascais. [Cascais, bottom photo]

Day 5: Monday, 13 April - Participate in a cooking class to prepare traditional Portuguese dishes. Take a ride on Lisbon's Tram 28 and discover old neighborhoods such as Graca, **Alfama** and Baixa. Experience Portugal's traditional fado music.



Itinerary - Porto

Day 6: Tuesday, 14 April - Board your motorcoach to Coimbra. Explore the city's old town and take the funicular to visit the **Universidade de Coimbra**. See the remains of the Royal Palace with a guided tour. Board your motorcoach to Porto. [university library top right]



Day 7: Wednesday, 15 April - Discover Porto's 12th Century Cathedral. Enjoy a guided tour of the city's **Ribeira District** [photo right] Finally, explore Porto's waterfront or market with your group.



Day 8: Thursday, 16 April - Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and board your motor coach to the airport. Board your flight from Porto to New York.

Trip Registration Begins Thursday, May 21st !

(pending BOE approval)

- ❑ The link to register will go live on the GClassroom for this trip on the 21st.
- ❑ The link to register will be shared via e-notify on Friday, May 22nd.
- ❑ Rising junior and seniors will have priority (one day) for signing up.

What's not included?

- Airline baggage charges according to their policies. [We'll use carry-on luggage = FREE]
- Motor coach transfer: DHHS/ NYC airport (JFK/Newark) / DHHS [Approx. \$100 R/T.]
- Meals that are not indicated in the daily program - typically students pay for their own lunches.

- Tips – these are standard guidelines (tips are an extra expense & will be collected before departure)
 - Tour Director: € 6 EUR per day, per person = \$42 total per person
 - Bus Drivers: € 3 EUR per day, per person = \$12 total per person
 - US airport bus driver: \$6/per person R/T = \$6 total per person
 - Activity guide tips: \$2 per person per activity (Ex: queixada cooking class) = \$2-\$6 total per person

- Personal spending money
- Costs associated with travel documents or passports
- Costs associated with changes to itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances including but not limited to: pandemics, epidemics, natural disasters, or other
- Any applicable Prométour processing fees (\$45)

Prométour

EDUCATIONAL TOURS



PORTUGAL

Lisbon - Sintra - Cascais -
Coimbra - Porto

DANIEL HAND HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL 9 - 16, 2026

8 DAYS

Jennifer Page
Tour Consultant

✉ jennifer.page@prometour.com



Board your **flight** from **New York** and beging the journey to **Portugal**.

***Bem-vindo a Portugal!***

Meet your **Prometour Tour Director** at the arrivals section of the **Lisbon airport**.

Transfer by **motor coach** to the hotel to drop off your luggage, check-in will be later.

While in Lisbon, do as the locals do by **walking** and **taking public transportation** to get around the city. *(tickets included)*

Have lunch on your own.

(location and time to be determined by your Prometour Tour Director and Group Leader)

With your **Tour Director**, discover the timeless allure of **Lisbon**, Portugal's captivating capital, where ancient history and vibrant culture intertwine amidst cobblestone streets, historic neighborhoods, and picturesque vistas.

Head to the **Portos do Sol** viewpoint, its open terrace is the most photographed viewpoint in Lisbon.

Have dinner with your group in a local restaurant.

Overnight accommodation in Lisbon.

Example: Fenicius Charme Hotel (or similar)



Enjoy breakfast at the hotel with your group.

Discover the **Mosteiro dos Jerónimos**, a masterpiece of Portuguese Manueline architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The monastery's church houses the tombs of Vasco da Gama, the famous explorer, and Luís de Camões, Portugal's most famous poet. **(non-guided)**

See the **Padrão dos Descobrimentos**, a monument dedicated to Portugal's maritime discoveries. **(photo stop)**

Discover the **Belém Tower**. Built in the 16th century, it marked the beginning of a voyage for Portuguese explorers being the last sight of land they saw when heading out to sea. **(non-guided)**

Have lunch on your own.

(location and time to be determined by your Prometour Tour Director and Group Leader)

Journey through history at **Sao Jorge Castle**. Dating back to the 9th century, this historic symbol of the city, perched at the top of Lisbon's highest hill, houses a museum and the remains of royal palace. **(guided)**

Spend time in the **Barrio Alfama**, Lisbon's oldest and most picturesque neighborhood. Its steep streets are lined with shops selling traditional crafts and cafes. **(non-guided)**

Have dinner with your group in a local restaurant.

Overnight accommodation in Lisbon.



Enjoy breakfast at the hotel with your group.

Board your **motor coach** and make your way to your next activity.

Discover the **Sintra's** magnificent **Palácio da Pena**, a 15th-century monastery and former royal summer residence. Its vividly painted terraces, ornamental battlements and statues of mythological creatures has inspired many writers and poets. **(guided)**

Join your Tour Director for a local treat: **Queijada de Sintra**, it's similar to a cheesecake.

Have lunch on your own.

(location and time to be determined by your Prometour Tour Director and Group Leader)

Stop at **Cabo da Roca**, mainland Europe's westernmost point, offering stunning ocean views, rugged cliffs, and a historic lighthouse. **(photo stop)**

Have time to explore **Cascais**, a former fishing village that gained fame as a resort for Portugal's royal family in the late XIX century. **(non-guided)**

Board your **motor coach** and return to **Lisbon**.

Have dinner with your group in a local restaurant.

Overnight accommodation in Lisbon.



Enjoy breakfast at the hotel with your group.

Participate in a **cooking class** to prepare delicious and **traditional Portuguese dishes** such codfish fritters and *pasteis de nata*.

Have lunch on your own.

(location and time to be determined by your Prometour Tour Director and Group Leader)

Take a ride on Lisbon's **Tram No. 28**. It's a 40-minute discovery through old neighbourhoods such as Graça, Alfama and Baixa, passing by historical highlights, including the cathedral and the castle. *Todos a bordo!* (**non-guided**)

Have dinner with your group in a local restaurant.

Experience the soul-stirring melodies and heartfelt lyrics of Portugal's traditional **fado music**.

Overnight accommodation in Lisbon.



Enjoy breakfast at the hotel with your group.

Board your **motor coach** and make your way to your next activity.

Stop in **Coimbra**, birthplace of six kings and home to Portugal's oldest university.

Have free time to explore **Coimbra's** Arab-influenced **old town** (*Baixa*) with its maze of narrow streets, timeworn shops, and tiny *tascas* (eateries), or head to the its vibrant Mercado Municipal. (**non-guided**)

Have lunch on your own.

(location and time to be determined by your Prometour Tour Director and Group Leader)

Avoid the steep climb up to the University of Coimbra by using a combination of a **lift** and a **funicular**. It's a unique way to travel with great views in the process. *(round trip journey)*

Visit the **Universidade de Coimbra**, one of only five in the world listed as a World Heritage Site. See what remains of the Royal Palace, the ornate Chapel of St. Michael, its iconic clock tower and the magnificent gold-covered library. (**guided**)

Board your **motor coach** and continue on to **Porto**, a coastal city in northwest Portugal known for its stately bridges and Port wine production.

While in Porto, do as the locals do by **walking** and **taking public transportation** to get around the city. *(tickets included)*

Have dinner with your group in a local restaurant.

Overnight accommodation in Porto.

Example: Porto Coliseum Hotel (or similar)



Enjoy breakfast at the hotel with your group.

Discover the majestic **Porto Cathedral** (*Sé do Porto*), the city's most important religious building. This 12th century landmark, perched on a hilltop offering breathtaking views, features a beautiful cloister adorned with blue-and-white *azulejos* (tiles) and an impressive rose window. **(non-guided)**

A **walking tour** of Porto's enchanting **Ribeira district** with its historic narrow cobble-stone streets and colorful buildings, reveals the city's rich heritage and vibrant atmosphere. **(guided)**

Have lunch on your own.

(location and time to be determined by your Prometour Tour Director and Group Leader)

Explore **Porto** at your own pace. Stroll along the waterfront, explore charming alleyways looking for photo-worthy opportunities, or visit a vibrant market. Porto has something for everyone. **(non-guided)**

Have dinner with your group in a local restaurant.

Overnight accommodation in Porto.



Enjoy breakfast at the hotel with your group.

Transfer by **motor coach** to the **airport**.

Say a fond *adeus* to your Prometour Tour Director.

Board your **flight** from **Porto** and begin the journey to **New York**.

PRICE PER PERSON SHEET

This is a privately operated tour - you will not be combined with another group

Student Price Per Person

24 participants **3 390 USD**

20 to 23 participants **3 490 USD**

18 to 19 participants **3 590 USD**

STUDENT GROUP
PLUS PLAN **+ 195 USD**
(cancellation)

SUPPLEMENTS

Twin Room	\$ 360 per person
Single Room	\$ 720 per person
Adult Activity	\$ 120 per person
Insurance Plus Plan - Adult	\$ 255 per person
Insurance Plus Plan - Student	\$ 195 per person

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL COVERAGE covering group travel dates.

Prométour is pleased to provide the Student Essentials plan

from Travelex Insurance Services for all participants. Information for this included coverage can be found in the Student Essentials product flier [here](#).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Based on Dates of Travel

10-Jun-2025 \$ 500 per person

+ *applicable optional insurance upgrade*

+ *Prometour processing fee*

30-Jul-2025 \$ 850 per person

10-Sep-2025 \$ 850 per person

30-Nov-2025 \$ 850 per person

For your convenience, we offer a travel insurance plan for additional benefits through Travelex Insurance Services. You will have the option to purchase this coverage. For more information and rates, refer to the Student Group Plus flyer [here](#).

10-Jan-2026 Balance (*determined by final group size*)

Deposit is 100% refundable until the group has been confirmed to travel by your Group Leader.

Travel Insurance is underwritten by Zurich American Insurance Company, (NAIC #16535). Any person who knowingly presents

a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

Please check with your credit card company and/or financial institution for any extra applicable fees.

Please visit travelexinsurance.com/company/fraud-warning to view the state specific fraud warnings or call 844.825.1716.

This trip is quoted as a student tour, prices are subject to

increase if number of adults exceeds 30% of group size.

PRICE INCLUDES

Student Group Essentials Plan covering group dates of travel

Refer to [complete policy](#) for all insurance details.

Transportation

Round trip airfare* New York / Lisbon / - Porto / New York

Motor coach transfer: airport / hotel x 2

Full-day motor coach service x 2 days

Lisbon public transportation tickets as required by the program

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Student Group Plus Plan

Cancellation

Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) - *NY State residents not eligible*

Transportation

Motor coach transfer: Your School / Airport x 2

Airline baggage charges according to their policies

Associated destination departure taxes

-dependent on destination and airline

Porto public transportation tickets as required by the program

Accommodation

4 nights at a quality hotel in Lisbon

2 nights at a quality hotel in Porto

3-star standard

Students: multiple occupancy

3 & 4 per room, by gender, single beds not guaranteed

Meals

6 Breakfasts

5 Dinners

1 Dinner with Fado music

1 Cooking class with snacks

Accommodation

Applicable damage deposits to be in paid in cash at hotel

Meals

Meals that are not indicated in the daily program

Tips

It is customary to tip as a token of appreciation. Tips not indicated in the included section are ultimately at your discretion, such as but not limited to:

Prometour Tour Director \$ 6 per day, per person

EU Motor Coach Drivers \$ 3 per day, per person

US Motor Coach Drivers \$ 3 per day, per person

1 Snack: Queijada de Sintra

Destination Activity Guides \$ 2 per activity, per person

Tipping amounts are based on industry standards.

Restaurant meals are a group menu with 1 non-alcoholic beverage + a vegetarian option

Other

Activities / Sightseeing

Personal spending money

All aforementioned visits, activities, tours and admissions

Costs associated with travel documents, visas, medical testing, vaccinations, or other as required by your destination(s) or home country

Prometour Tour Director (PTD) / Local Activity Guides

Local city / activity guides as indicated in the program

Costs associated with changes to itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances including but not limited to: pandemics, epidemics, natural disasters, or other

Service of a dynamic bilingual PTD x 7 days

Prometour processing fee (\$45) - trips with flights

Other

Applicable service fees, taxes and FICAV contribution

NOTES

These prices are based on current seasonal rates. This program may be subject to price revision 11 months prior to return date.

*AIRLINE FUEL SURCHARGE (already included in these prices): Airlines have the legal right to impose fuel surcharges to tickets even after bookings have been made. Departure taxes and airline fuel surcharges at time of this quote = \$550

*Flights can be researched and booked within 11-months prior to return date and confirmed once the 1st deposits are received.

Direct flights are not guaranteed. Flight times are subject to airline-imposed schedule changes outside of Prométour's control.

*Small / regional airports may have a maximum group size capacity. The group may be required to be split and placed on different flights.

Live Performance / Special Event / Cirque du Soleil / Broadway / West End / Sporting tickets (or similar) are subject to availability and purchased tickets are non-refundable. The cost of the ticket may be added to any applicable cancellation fees.

The final itinerary may differ from this version. When a scheduled activity or tourist site is not possible, Prométour will make every effort to minimize inconvenience by adjusting the itinerary or replacing the item with a suitable alternative.

Special requests such as: specific hotels, restaurants, activities, Tour Director, daily scheduling etc. are subject to availability.

Prométour reserves the right to alter your itinerary before or during your tour for reasons including but not limited to: severe weather conditions, government restrictions, holidays, special events, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Prométour's Green Initiative!

Prométour's target is to be a 100% carbon neutral company. Complimentary CO2 offsetting is included on all tours with bus or air transportation.

EXCHANGE RATE Prometour has quoted this package at an exchange of 1 EUR = 1.10 USD

[→ TERMS & CONDITIONS](#)

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Who are we & what do we do?
What is TESOL ?



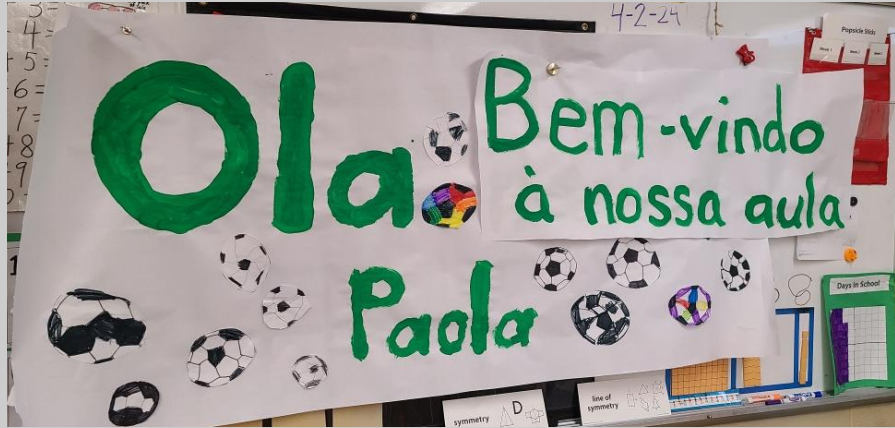
TESOL = Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages



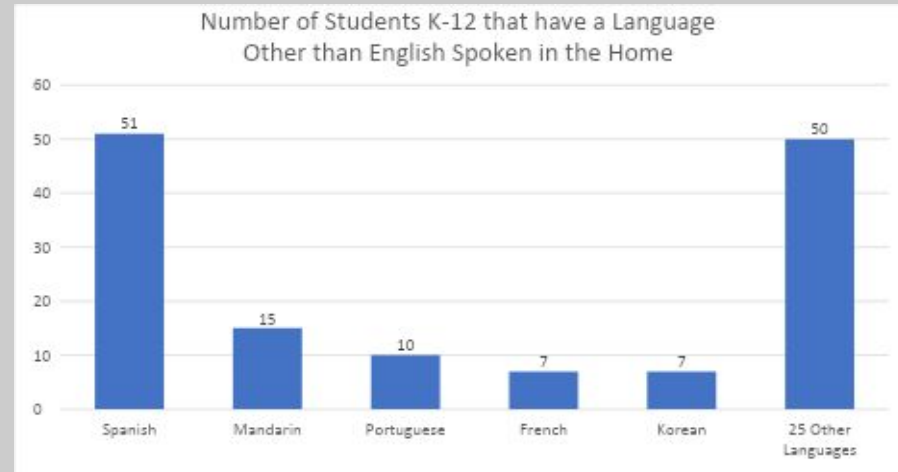
ML Students =
Multilingual
Learners



The Madison ML Community



- 30 different languages spoken
- 140 students have another language spoken at home. (5.9%)
- 43 students have received and exited ESOL Services
- 31 students are currently identified as ML Learners and are receiving support.



How do we identify and monitor students for services ?

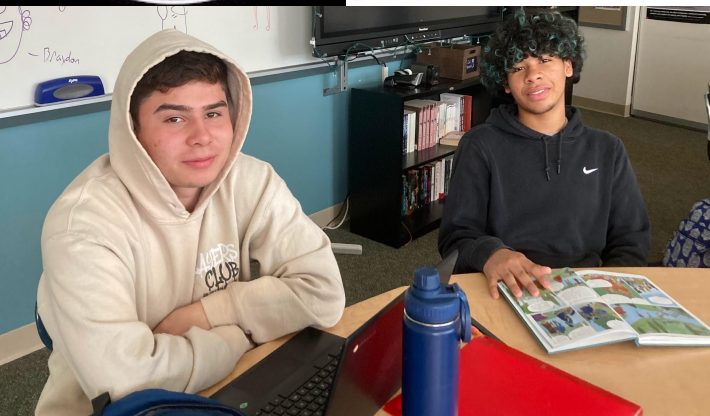
- Home Language Survey
- Screening of student's English language levels
- 4 Domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing
- Level 1 Beginner- Level 5 Above Proficient
 - 1 (beginner) - 5 (above proficient)
- Parent interview
- Monitored annually with the **LAS Links Assessment**
- Exited when Level 4 or above in overall, reading and writing
- After exiting, students are monitored for a smooth transition



What do our ESOL Services look like ?

We offer support based on individual students' English language levels and areas of need.





We are ALL Teachers of English !

Professional Development and Collaboration:

- Districtwide School Based Staff PD
- PLC Groups
- Team Planning
- SST Meetings
- PPT participation for “dual identified students”



Community Building and Family Outreach

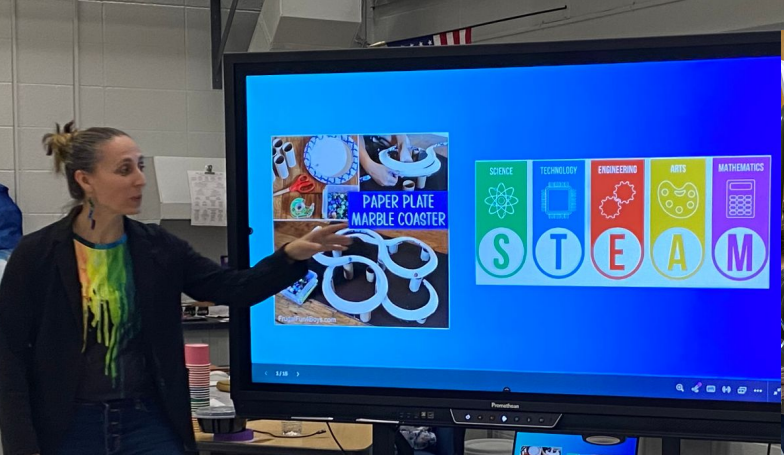


Signing up for programs & library cards.



Join us for Art/STEAM Night - learn about sports and summer programs!





夏季信息 晚上在 斯克兰顿图书 馆!

2月18日, 星期二 • 下午 5:30-7 点

夏季送学计划

5-8 岁和 9-12 岁儿童的免费夏季接送计划
开始报名

2月18日星期二 @5:30P (亲自)!

2月19日星期三, 仅限在线注册。
先到先得。报名名额有限每个孩子1周。

参加夏季送学计划的儿童必须拥有
康涅狄格州麦迪逊市地址以及他们自己的图书卡
持有图书卡的监护人。

和...

青春夏博览会
快来了解儿童和青少年的春季和夏
季机会。成为第一个报名参加今年
夏天在麦迪逊及其周边地区举办的
青少年/儿童项目和夏令营的人。为
您的孩子找到完美的志愿者机会!



Summer Info Night at Scranton Library!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th • 5:30-7PM

Summer Drop-Off Program

Sign-up for the **FREE** Summer Drop-Off
Program for children aged 5-8 & 9-12 begins
Tuesday, February 18th @5:30P (in-person)!

Wednesday, February 19th, online-only sign-up.
First come, first served. Enrollment is limited
to 1 week per child.

*Children enrolled in the summer drop-off program must have a
Madison, CT address and either their own library card or
a guardian with a library card.*

AND...

Youth Spring/Summer Expo

Come learn about spring & summer
opportunities for children and teens. Be
the **FIRST** to sign up for youth/children's
programs and camps happening in and
around Madison this summer. Find the
perfect volunteer opportunity for your
teen!



Noche de información de verano en la biblioteca Scranton!

MARTES 18 FEBRERO 5:30 - 7PM

Programa de verano para los chicos

Inscríbese GRATIS en el programa de verano para
niños de 5 a 8 años y de 9 a 12 años.
¡Martes 18 de febrero a las 5:30 p. m. (en persona)!

Miércoles 19 de febrero, inscripción únicamente en
línea. El primero en llegar es el primero en ser
atendido. La inscripción es limitada a 1 semana
por niño.

*Los niños inscritos en el programa de verano deben tener una
Dirección de Madison, CT y su propia tarjeta de biblioteca o
un tutor con tarjeta de biblioteca.*

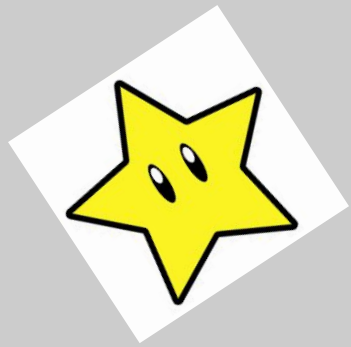
Y...

Exposición juvenil primavera/verano

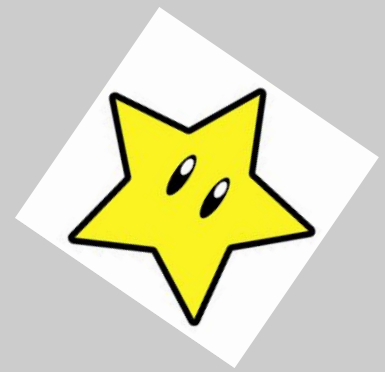
Venga a conocer las oportunidades de primavera
y verano para niños y adolescentes. Sea el
PRIMERO en inscribirse en los programas y
campamentos para jóvenes y niños que se
llevarán a cabo en Madison y sus alrededores
este verano. ¡Encuentre la oportunidad de
voluntariado perfecta para su hijo adolescente!







Our ML Stars!



- 3rd grader at Jeffrey receiving Madison Rotary Club Student of the Year Award!
- 9th grader at Hand will be receiving the MYFS Hero award at a celebration dinner at the senior center in Madison on May 13th!
- 10th grader at Hand participated in the MYFS summer work program last summer. The business owner hired the ML student and he is now employed during the school year at the business.



**Join the fun - it's FREE!
Bring the family!**

While this event has nothing to do with our TESOL program for the district, we would like to make you aware of a special event at Daniel Hand planned for the middle of May celebrating many cultures through food, dance, art and music.

Reach out to Mary Merkle for more information:
merkle.mary@madisonps.org

Multicultural Festival

at Daniel Hand High School



**Saturday
May 17th, 11am-2 pm**

**Food Trucks, Art,
Music, and More!**

**Scheduled workshops
and performances:**

- African Art Workshop
- Mexican Folklore Dance Workshop
- Latin-American Music Performance, Surcari Group!



Interested in going?
Free to attend. No ticket
required. Scan the
QR code to register attendance.



Daniel Hand High School
286 Green Hill Rd. Madison



For questions, please contact:
gauley.sasha@madisonps.org
garcia.jonathan@madisonps.org

***All merch, food, and crafts are available for purchase.**

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT: A LOCAL APPROACH



Every Child, Every Day

A guaranteed and viable curriculum ensures that all students have an equal opportunity to learn. Each student will have access to an effective or highly effective teacher, and access to the same content, knowledge and skills in each section or class.

What Works in Schools: Translating Research into Practice, Marzano, 2003

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For more information visit **Madison Public Schools Curriculum Website:**



MEET OUR TEACHER EXPERTS

DESIGN



K-12 POG Rubric Development

Jen Aguzzi (WL) talks about the district team that she chaired to create rubrics for each capacity that would be used across the system.



Independent Project & Fab Lab

Mike Kiefer shares the design of the final mastery project for students to showcase growth and development in the Profile of a Graduate capacities in pursuit of a topic of personal interest.



ELA Stages 1 and 2: Outcomes and Design for Assessment

Celina DaSilva shares about the work of the teacher teams as they develop common units and assessments.

ELA Stage 3: Development of Learning Experiences

Celina DaSilva reflects upon the sharing of best practices for meeting objectives and the creation of complex tasks that reinforce both content and capacities.



Curriculum Review Council

Ben Pelletier (SS) explains the process of review and feedback to Unit writers against district criteria prior to BOE adoption.

MEET OUR TEACHER EXPERTS

PROGRAMS

CTE Department Curriculum Impact

Dan Grenier and Dave Tommaso reflect upon the shifts in their department as curriculum becomes a shared endeavor.



Science Program Pathways

Paul Mezick explains the redesign of science HS offerings as curriculum phase starts and student voice is considered.



Math Department

Christine Justice and Justin Kaeser share their experience of examination of data and student experience to create more opportunities for all students to have access to high level mathematics.



PROFILE OF A GRADUATE RUBRIC

Critical Thinking	Creative Thinking	Collaboration/ Communication	Self-Direction	Global Thinking
Inquiry Posing, pursuing, and refining significant questions to deepen understanding about a topic or issue.	Idea Generation Studying a problem, need or model (mentor text, political piece, documents, art work, etc.) to consider limitations and imagine new solutions/transformations.	Collective Intelligence Working respectfully and responsibly with others, exchanging and evaluating ideas to achieve a common objective.	Self-Awareness Examining current performance critically to identify steps/strategies to persist.	Citizenship Identify, analyze and contribute to critical issues in society in an ethical and responsible manner.
Analyzing Examining information/data/evidence from multiple sources to identify possible underlying assumptions, patterns, and relationships in order to make inferences.	Design Engaging in a process to refine a product for an intended audience and purpose.	Product Creation Effectively use a medium to communicate important information	Decision Making Make responsible decisions, based on potential outcomes.	Alternate Perspectives Interpret or critique complementary and competing approaches, experiences, and worldviews in order to develop an empathetic perspective.

Product Creation Effectively use a medium to communicate important information.	I created a product that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> shows little consideration for context or purpose. is incomplete or confusing. required teacher support to synthesize information. 	I created a product that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses a medium that may not match the intended purpose for a given audience. communicates ideas with a vague sense of purpose. conveys statements that may be unrelated to the importance of the topic. required some teacher support to synthesize information. 	I created an original product for an audience, using a particular medium, maximizing its features, to make powerful statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> communicating important ideas for a given purpose. making connections between sources, self, and world. purposefully synthesizing information, models, strategies, mentor texts, and peer or teacher feedback. 	I fully met the MPS standard with at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I created a novel product or used my product in an inventive manner to match my purpose and audience I skillfully used a particular medium, maximizing its features, to expertly convey ideas I made insightful connections between sources, self and world
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M PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

CRITICAL THINKING

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CREATIVE THINKING

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Engaging in a process to refine a product for an intended audience and purpose.

COLLABORATION/COMMUNICATION

- Collective Intelligence**
Working respectfully and responsibly with others, exchanging and evaluating ideas to achieve a common objective.

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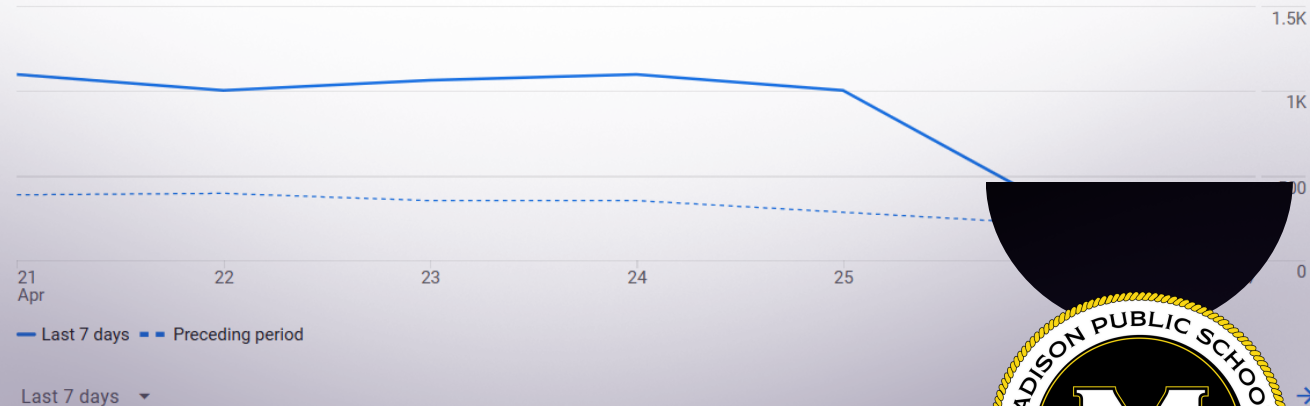
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Active users 4.9K ↑ 132.4%
 Event count 55K ↑ 166.1%
 New users 3.5K ↑ 139.3%
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courses	204 (0.02%)
program of studies	105 (0.01%)
Calendar	87 (<0.01%)
course selection	71 (<0.01%)
calendar	67 (<0.01%)
Courses	64 (<0.01%)
Infinite campus	58 (<0.01%)
Calendar	46 (<0.01%)
course	37 (<0.01%)

Views by Page path and screen class over time

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