

## Tuesday, August 17, 2021

- LRSD Central Office will update the community today by the end of the day and will provide another update on **Friday, August 20, 2021** on the status of enrollment at IGNITE Digital Academy (IDA). A message will be sent to IGNITE parents via **Parent Link** and **social media**, asking them to complete a survey to confirm enrollment preference for students (virtual or in-person). Timeline: Message will be going out today and updated on Friday, August 20th. Draft is attached to this email.
- LRSD Human Resources will be reassigning teachers from Wilson (ALE: Middle School) to teach in the IDA. LRSD HR is reviewing licensure for potential candidates. Timeline: Will be completed by end of day (4pm) today.
- LRSD Human Resources is contacting ALL retired teachers for interest in teaching in the IDA. Timeline: Will be updated on the number of interested staff by the end of the day (4pm) on Friday,, August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Executive Directors (Secondary & Elementary) are reviewing master schedules to collapse teaching assignments due to low enrollment in specific classes. Collapsing classes is a standard practice done each year after the 10-day mark. Key point: Per DESE, we can drop students after the 10<sup>th</sup> day. Timeline: Will be finalized by August 31st. We will know the number of teachers that are available to be transferred to IDA.
- Executive Directors are working with principals and teachers to teach additional classes, which will be at the IDA. Timeline: Will have an update on the number of teachers who are interested by Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Instructional resources (Literacy: Wit Wisdom & Just Words) (Math: Illustrative Math), including textbooks and manipulatives are forthcoming from zone schools. Timeline: Will be at IDA by Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Ignite Digital Academy will be funded via ARP ESSER. Budget amount has been determined by the Executive Directors (Elementary & Secondary). Principals can use this budget to provide classroom resources including office supplies. K-6 -- \$20,000; 7-12 -- \$20,000
- Here is the IDA staffing model that was approved by the State Board of Education:
  - K-1: 25 students per teacher
  - 2-3: 30 students per teacher
  - 4-5: 35 students per teacher
  - 6: 40 students per teacher
  - 7-12: 40 students per class; teaching load not exceed 170 students
- Maintenance has resolved the air conditioning issue at IDA and is working on providing additional electrical outlets.

Please know that we are working with our teams daily to provide the tools and support needed to ensure student/staff success. We will keep you apprised of any additional developments. Thank you and have a great rest of your day.

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**Current Ignite Digital Academy (Teachers)**

**Elementary:**

Grade	Class Cap	Enrolled	Teacher Assigned	Still Need Teacher	Add'l Teachers needed	On Waiting List	Total Unassigned
K	25	75	2 (50)	25	1	19	44
1st	25	71	2 (50)	21	1	30	51
2nd	30	97	2 (60)	37	1	22 <b>7</b>	59
3rd	30	91	2 (90)	30	1	23 <b>1</b>	24
4th	35	111	2 (70)	41	1	30 <b>6</b>	71
5th	35	95	1 (35)	60	2	34	127
6th	40	84	2 (80)	4	0	32 <b>4</b>	36
Total		624	400	224	<b>7</b>	<b>190</b> <b>18</b> <b>208</b>	208

**Secondary:**

Grade	Class Cap	Enrolled	On Waiting List
7th	40	74	19
8th	40	88	22
9th	40	61	19
10th	40	76	16
11th	40	56	22
12th	40	79	24
Total		434	<b>122</b>

**This is where we are short teachers - Secondary: (Graduation Requirements ONLY!)**

**6 sections of math – 3 Geo/2 Quant Lit/1 Pre Cal – current LRSD Math teachers will teach extra math class**

**5 sections of art – Ignite Principal will interview an Art teacher or will be done asynchronous by LRSD Curriculum & Instruction team**

**1 section of Oral Communications – Students will take Freshman Seminar for the ½ graduation credit**

**Updates: Thursday, August 19, 2021**

- LRSD Human Resources has hired two (2) out of retirement for Kindergarten and First Grade
- Communications to School Community will be updated – **Friday, August 20, 2021**
  - Temporary Assign Digital Students to One School
    - Access to Schoology in one location; *currently, Schoology is tied to current school students are enrolled*
    - Attendance – teachers can take attendance in one location; *currently, teachers have multiple attendance windows*
    - Gradebook – teachers will have one (1) gradebook; *currently, teachers have multiple gradebooks*
  - Meals Pickup – parents can pick up meals for digital students at any school location
  - Students on the waiting list will be assigned to Pearson Online & Blended Learning. (330 students)
- Warm body count by ALL schools will be completed by Monday, August 23, 2021.
- Executive Directors (Elementary & Secondary) are working with principals to review master schedules to reassign teachers to teach in Ignite Digital Academy. – Estimated timeline: August 31, 2021, but working to expedite process based upon the warm body count