

Curriculum Data Inquiry Cycle

How do you take your curriculum process to the next level? With a data inquiry cycle!
Try using this protocol at your next team meeting or modify it to fit your ever-changing needs!

Directions: To help your team move past surface curriculum observations, start with a learner-centered question. For example, "Across the grade level, were there any specific tasks with which multiple students appeared to struggle?" Check out these sample questions organized by subject area:

English Questions

- How do our students' writing skills grow each year?
- How do we ensure that critical thinking skills are growing over time?
- How do we provide supporting evidence for our opinions?

Math Questions

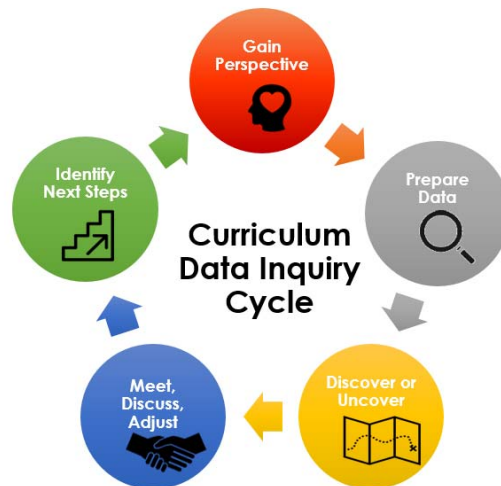
- How do we teach problem-solving strategies?
- How does mathematical modeling spiral within our curriculum?
- Are there possible gaps and redundancies in our graph or graphing instruction?

Science Questions

- How do we teach our students about data collection/ organization/ representation?
- How do we address the crosscutting concepts from NGSS?
- Are we making STEM or STEAM connections in our curriculum?

Social Studies Questions

- How do we teach students to interpret current events?
- How are our students comparing/contrasting different forms of government?
- What themes do we expect to see reflected across all social studies courses?



Brainstorm your own learning-centered questions here

Name(s): _____

Date: _____

BEFORE MEETING

Gain Perspective:

What is your focus question? Why is it important for students, colleagues, parents, etc.?



Prepare Data:

*What information or resources would help answer this question?
Any pitfalls to avoid?*



DURING MEETING

Uncover & Discover in Curriculum:

*What confirms your expectations?
Why did you have these expectations?
What surprises you?*



Meet, Discuss, Adjust:

*What should we celebrate?
What key challenges do you notice?
Any actions or adjustments needed?*



Identify Next Steps:

*Specific, Measureable, Attainable,
Relevant, Time-specific?*

