

Westfield Public Schools' Curriculum Recipe

Ingredients: *Standards, Essential Questions, Vocabulary, Collaboration, Resources, Time, Patience*

Directions:

1. **Know the Standards**—interpret standards and mastery of the standards in a consistent way
2. **Writing Standards**—allow the writing standards to lead the way (Narrative, Argument/OR, Informational)
3. **Map by Month**— determine which standards can be categorized under each type of writing; consideration should be given to those standards that will most likely appear on standardized tests and those standards that contribute most to promoting well-rounded readers and writers
4. **Essential Questions and Vocabulary**—write essential questions that guide all teachers' instruction and choose vocabulary based on power standards and that permeate all disciplines (Tier 2)
5. **Collaborate**—give teachers time to collaborate to write units that start with the standards
6. **Resources**—seek out foundational texts and other resources to support teaching
7. **Patience**—change as needed; have patience with the process

Bake on high for at least five years.

Curriculum should have a Jell-O-like consistency.

Turn heat to low while adding, removing, and shifting ingredients based on the needs of your district, school, teachers, and students.