

# Strengthening the Home - School Connection



What did you  
learn at school  
today?

# What Did You Learn Today?



## State

The State develops and adopts learning standards (NJSLs).

The State Legislature passes laws that schools must adhere to.



## District

Districts develop curriculum that demonstrates how a district intends to achieve the implementation of the standards and relevant legislation.



## Classroom

Teachers assess their students' needs to determine the best methodology, instructional practices, and resources they will use to help their students master the district's curriculum.

District =  
How it is Taught

State =  
What Must  
be Taught.



# Locating the District's Curriculum

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Montgomery Township School District website. The navigation menu is open, and the 'Curriculum' option is circled in green. The website header includes the district logo and the name 'Montgomery Township School District'. The navigation bar contains links for BOE, COVID-19, Assessment, Curriculum & Instruction, and Departments. The 'Assessment, Curriculum & Instruction' dropdown menu is expanded, showing options for Curriculum and Instruction Department, Assessment, Curriculum (circled), Technology, Strategic Planning, and Title 1.

The screenshot shows the Rubicon Atlas website. A yellow arrow points to a link that reads: "This link brings you to view the public curriculum documents via Rubicon Atlas". The website header includes the district logo and the name 'Montgomery Township School District'. The navigation bar contains links for BOE, COVID-19, Assessment, Curriculum & Instruction, Departments, Parents/Community, Staff Portal, and Diversity. The 'Curriculum' section is highlighted, and the link is located in the 'Curriculum' section of the page.

# Locating the District's Curriculum

Montgomery Township School District

All Curriculum

## Home

**Welcome!**

To examine the educational programs offered to Montgomery Township School District students, please click on any of the [All Curriculum / Browse](#) links on this page.

Welcome to the Montgomery Township Schools' curriculum site! Here you will find updated curricula, written collaboratively and revised on the most recent NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards and Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics.

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All Curriculum

## Browse Unit Calendars

by Subject

- Business
- English Language Arts
- ESL
- Home Economics
- Mathematics
- Media
- Physical Education & Health
- Science
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Social Studies
- Technology and Industrial Arts
- Visual & Performing Arts
- World Language

by Subject

Type a Course Name

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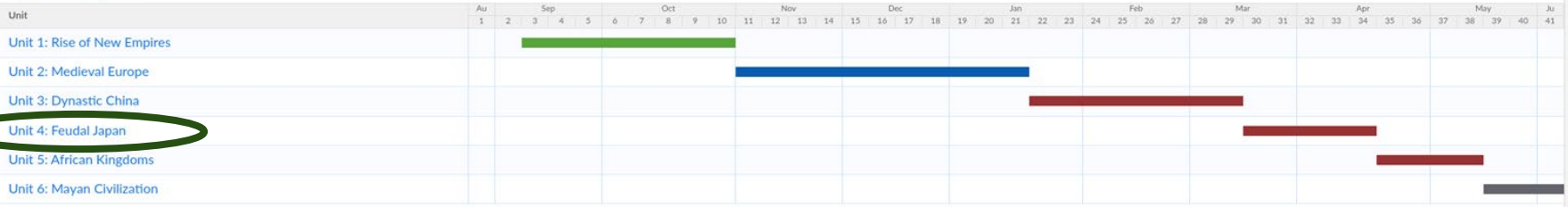
Reset Browse

Now Viewing: Unit Calendars Only Show  Course

School	Subject
Montgomery High School	Science
Montgomery High School	Business
Montgomery Upper Middle School	Social Studies
Montgomery High School	Mathematics
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Montgomery Upper Middle School	Mathematics

# Locating the District's Curriculum

## Unit Calendar by Year



6 Units found

# Curriculum

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards

### *Enduring Understandings*

Enduring understandings are transferable and teach students to apply their knowledge to their lives.

### *Essential Questions*

Essential questions require students to think deeply and process what they have learned.

### *Content Knowledge*

What students will KNOW at the end of the unit.

### *Skills*

What students will be able to DO when they complete the unit.

### *Unit Resources*

- Textbook
- Literacy/Supplemental Texts
- Frequently Used Digital Resource

# Selecting a New Resource





# The Selection Process

## Need Driven

- New Course (ex. Math 8)
- New Standards
- New Legislation
- A Resource has Expired
- Supplement a Primary Resource
- To Differentiate Based on Student Need



# The Selection Process

## Establish a Criteria

*Collaboratively between  
Supervisor, Teachers, and  
Dir. of Curriculum*

## Teacher & Supervisor Evaluation

*Feedback is gathered to  
identify viable options.*

## Research Possible Resources

*Completed by Supervisors  
and Teachers*

## Pilot Potential Resource

## Gather Samples to Evaluate

## Evaluate Pilot

*Did it accomplish the  
desired outcome? Did the  
students find it useful or  
confusing?*

# The Selection Process

Assessment, Curriculum, and  
Instruction BOE Committee

Textbook  
Recommendation  
Form

Literary Text  
Recommendation  
Form



# Locating Resources in Context

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# What About Teacher Autonomy?

## Student Interest/Need

Follow-up lessons, instructional levels, Pop Culture, etc.

## Teacher Expertise

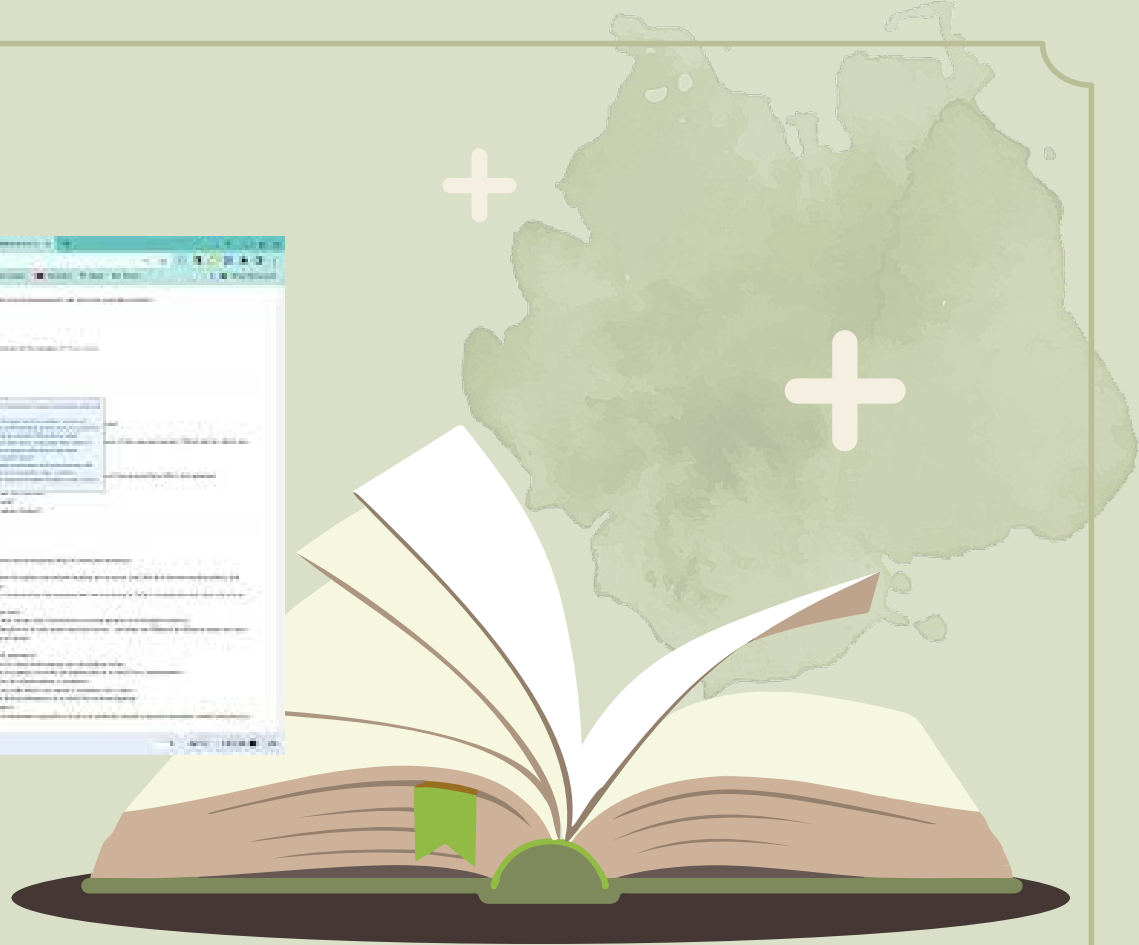
Teacher Background, Travel, Previous Career, etc.

## Current Events

In the News, Local Connection, etc

## Guiding Questions

- Is it aligned with my course content?
- Is it appropriate for my grade level?
- How will my students benefit from this learning experience?



# Questions?

