



## Somers Board of Education Administrative Report

**Title of Report:** Atlas Curriculum Update

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### ***Executive Summary***

Atlas is our new curriculum management system which allows teachers to create units of studies using an online platform. Each unit contains 9 mapping categories which assures that all teachers create curriculum that is rigorous, aligned to the standards and differentiated.

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### ***Report***

Atlas was introduced to the staff in the spring of 2017. Professional development using the “train the trainers” model was offered to staff at each school also in the spring. The current school year was focused on instructing staff on using Atlas during the curriculum meetings, grade level meetings, professional development days and individual meetings. A baseline report was developed in December which showed the number of units for each grade and subject area, the number of fully completed units and the number of mapping categories completed. This was shared with each subject and grade level team. Staff was asked to fully complete the first four mapping categories by June of 2018.

Teachers have made tremendous progress in writing curriculum. Many have taken advantage of funding by Title 1 and Title 2 grant money to write curriculum on their own time. In all four required mapping categories, percentage of completion range from 65-100% completed. This reflects the report produced by Atlas dated 5/17/18. A subject area report is now being created for each team leader to analyze not only which mapping categories still need to be completed but also to be used as a planning tool for the remainder of the school year and summer curriculum work.

Our next steps for the 2018-19 school year are to complete the remaining mapping categories, begin the work of assuring that our curriculum is vertically aligned across grade levels and also begin to examine our interdisciplinary connections as well.