



Pocono Mountain School District

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McGraw Hill Inspire Parent Letter



Dear Pocono Mountain School District Families,

The district is pleased to announce that we have adopted a new science series for students in grades K-5 called Inspire Science, by McGraw Hill. The district will also be piloting Inspire Science for grade 6 students this year.

The new series is designed in a way to complete the mandatory shifts in science standards decided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The series focuses on activity before content, inquiry-based learning, communication, investigation, and making a connection with core content on a deep and meaningful level.

Your child will be exposed to the four main domains of science-Physical Science, Life Science, Earth and Space Science, and Engineering Design. Each of these domains are turned into “modules” within Inspire Science and are further separated into lessons. Lessons typically range from one week to one month, depending on your child’s grade level.

Participation is extremely important with the new shift in science education. Your child will be asked to participate in discussions on a daily basis and will be taught how to make and revise predictions on an ongoing basis.

If you would like to learn more about the new science series, here are some great videos that outline the core concepts and practices of McGraw Hill Inspire, and also provide parental support.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xfz2XQxQbaA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNyWs8ZEJEI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTArNEYMYLc>

We are excited to bring this new change to the district and hope you are too!

Sincerely,

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