

Minutes of the Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Meeting

North Boone Community Unit School District #200

North Boone Upper Elementary School Library

6200 North Boone School Road

Poplar Grove, IL 61065

November 5, 2025

4:45 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Judy Hutchinson at 4.45 pm.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Rhonda Pannier.

Members Present: Judy Hutchinson, Sarah Meyer, Nan Schilling, Joe Haverly (Via Google), Matt Cascio, Kari Neri, Marc Eckmann, Kelly Kerchner, Allison Louis, Liz Saveley, Elaine Ahrens, and Jenna Lohr

Members Absent: Karly Hall, Retha Dreyer, Dawn Seipts, Sean Smart, Deb Anderson

III. Audience to Visitors

None

IV. State Data Release Presentation

Mrs. Neri presented an overview of the State Data released October 30, 2025. All six district schools received commendable ratings. She provided the following points:

- Explanation of designations: Exemplary, Commendable, Targeted Support, Comprehensive, Intensive Support.
- All six district schools received commendable ratings this year.
- Discussion of scoring breakdown for K-8 and high schools.
- Updates for 2025 Report Card/ State Data:
 - High School Assessment
 - ACT includes ELA, Math, and Science
 - New assessment, unable to compare achievement data to previous years (SAT to ACT)
 - Growth in ELA and math data reported this year (Not an accountability measure)
 - IL Assessment of Readiness (Grades 3-8) and IL Science Assessment (Grades 5&8)
 - The state realigned the cut scores, unable to compare achievement data to previous years.
- Graduation Rate is 91% compared to 83% in 2024.

- 9th Grade on Track increased to 91.6% from 88.6% in 2024.
- Growth data and chronic absenteeism trends presented; chronic absenteeism improved but remains an area for growth.
- Errors in absenteeism data at Manchester and Poplar Grove schools identified and corrected for future reporting.
- Schools identified strengths and areas for growth by building.

V. New High School Course: Animal Science

Committee members discussed a proposal for a new animal science course at the high school level, designed to offer hands-on learning and potential pathways into veterinary or medical fields. Concerns about liability, costs, certification requirements, and realistic implementation were raised, emphasizing the need for further vetting before approval.

VI. Changes to the High School Course Guide

Proposed changes of verbiage in the high school course guide for Journalism, English 12, Introduction to Family and Consumer Science, Culinary Arts I, Culinary Arts II, and Agricultural Business Management. New course proposal for Animal Science.

VII. Agriculture Mechanics Updates

The committee discussed the development of an agricultural mechanics course, focusing on construction, welding, and trades skills. Site visits to other schools were planned to evaluate facilities. The timeline for offering this course is estimated at 12 to 18 months due to the need to create or repurpose a suitable shop space and acquire equipment.

VIII. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made, and with no opposition heard, the motion carried by unanimous consent 5:46 pm.

Submitted by:

Judy Hutchinson, Chair

Sarah Meyer, Vice-Chair

Approved: