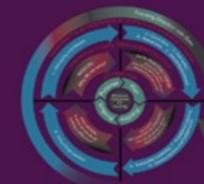


## Education *by Design*



### New Branding for SWUC K-12 Education by Carol Campbell

The Southwestern Union Conference Office of Education has developed a new branding for K-12 education—*EDUCATION by Design*. The brand signifies that we are intentionally focused on creating coherence among the components that contribute to excellence in education.

The ultimate goal of Adventist education is to make visible the Adventist worldview to learners. Teaching and learning must be purposefully designed to accomplish this goal, beginning with the articulation of the mission, the vision, and the core values and beliefs of Adventist education. The values and beliefs, in particular, are foundational to the development of all other components of the system. Below you will find the conceptual framework, introduced in our fall 2019 newsletter, that identifies the key components of teaching and learning as well as their relationship to other parts, followed by a list of the values and beliefs that inform K-12 education in the Southwestern Union. (Note: In future newsletters, we will examine each of the components in more detail.)

#### EDUCATION *by Design* Framework

The figure depicts the five layers of the Framework as interdependent circles of support, both holistically as well as by quadrant. Working from the center outwards, the key components are:

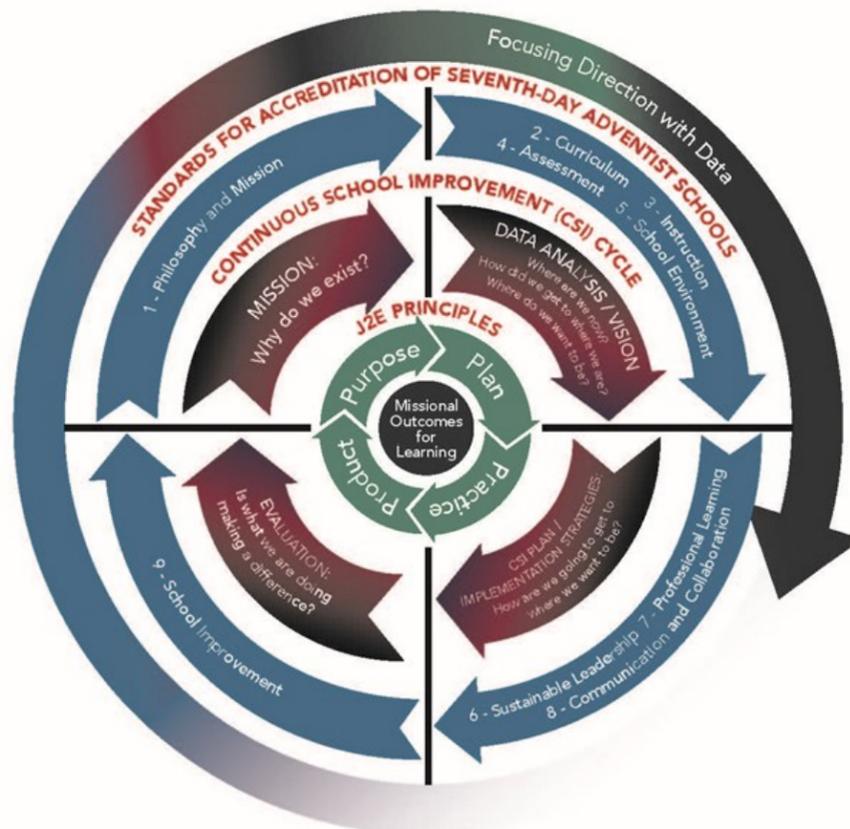
Layer 1—The drivers of the Journey are the missional outcomes or the 7Cs, global competencies linked to our mission. The 7Cs articulate the **WHY** or purpose of Adventist education.

Layer 2—The guiding principles for the Journey are Purpose, Plan, Practice, and Product. The principles serve to further define the nature of each quadrant.

Layer 3—The vehicle for meaningfully embedding the outcomes in practice during the Journey is the Continuous School Improvement (CSI) Cycle. The Cycle articulates **HOW** excellence is achieved across the system.

Layer 4—The evaluation tool for the Journey is the *Standards for Accreditation of Seventh-day Adventist Schools*. The standards articulate **WHAT** the anticipated school outcomes are.

Layer 5—The directional focus for the Journey is determined through the continuous collection and analysis of data. Data informs each program and process of Adventist education.



#### EDUCATION *by Design* Values and Beliefs

(adapted from George Knight)

1. Adventist education prepares learners for excellence and success in this life, both academically and vocationally.
2. Adventist education prepares learners for eternity by introducing them to Jesus as Lord and Savior and placing the biblical worldview at the center of education as the lens for all knowledge and life.
3. Adventist education prepares learners to serve others by teaching Adventism's unique doctrinal package, particularly God's Great Commission for worldwide mission and the Second Advent.

Access the SWUC Education website to learn more about Adventist education in the Southwestern Union—[southwesternadventisteducation.com](http://southwesternadventisteducation.com).



## PURPOSE



### SWUC Website

Check out the SWUC website for resources and news. <https://www.southwesternadventisteducation.com/>

We would love to feature your school in photos, videos, blog posts, etc. Please send us your submissions.

### Leadership Camp

This year Leadership Camp will once again be held at Lone Star Camp in Athens, TX. The dates will be September 17-20. Our devotional speaker will be Pastor Keith Gray. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

### Standards-based Practices

The Southwestern Union K-12 Educational System is beginning the process of transitioning to standards-based practices. Please see the attachment for details on this transition.

## PLAN

### **Elementary Math Adoption**

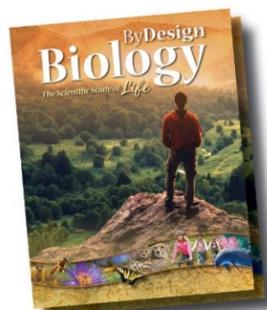
The elementary math adoption is *Big Ideas Learning*. Your superintendent will be providing information regarding training. Please visit this helpful link for how to establish an online demo account. [https://www.cengage.com/coursepages/SDA\\_National\\_K8](https://www.cengage.com/coursepages/SDA_National_K8)

### **Robotics**

Coming Soon: Information regarding a SWUC Robotics League. Don't forget to apply for the Robotics Challenge Application by July 31: <https://www.southwesternadventisteducation.com/forms>

### **By Design Biology**

A new secondary biology textbook is now available! It is published by Kendall Hunt. This is a faith-based text and was written by SDA authors with Kendall Hunt. This will become the required biology textbook.



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### *Excellence in Teaching Award*

#### Arkansas-Louisiana

Mary Womack

#### Oklahoma

Audrey Fabriga

#### Southwest Region

TiAngela Williams

#### Texas

Romina Regalado

Josh Samaniego

#### Texico

Juanita Camacho

#### Academy

Meredith Mooney - BAA

Sarah Shepherd – PAA

### *Excellence in Leadership Award*

#### Ozark Adventist Academy

Mike Dale



## PRACTICE

### **SWAU Secondary Music Teachers' Workshop**

In cooperation with Southwestern Adventist University, we will host a workshop for secondary music teachers on the university campus October 5-6. More details will be available later.

### **2020-21 Webinar Series**

The webinar series for the upcoming school year will be focused on standards-based practices. Please see the attachment for details; dates and times are tentative.

### **SWUC Leadership Institute**

Leading the Journey, the SWUC Leadership Institute scheduled for July 20-23, 2020, is going virtual. Please see the attachment to this newsletter for details. Let your superintendent know as soon as possible as to your desire to attend.

## PRODUCT

### **Accreditation**

Accreditation rubrics have been developed and can be accessed here:

<https://www.southwesternadventisteducation.com/forms>

### **School Board Self-evaluation Form**

A school board self-evaluation form has been developed and can be accessed here:

<https://www.southwesternadventisteducation.com/forms>

### **MAP Testing**

This year we will no longer be using Iowa Assessments. Instead we will be using MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) Tests. The window of time that the testing will be done is from August 24-September 11. Your conference superintendent will give you the exact dates for your conference.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Houston Adventist Academy**! Pending the final vote at the NAD, Houston Adventist Academy will be a full senior academy starting with the 2020-2021 school year. They have satisfied all the criteria, completed all the paperwork, and are implementing the recommendations that the visiting committee has given them. The board, administration, and staff have worked very hard to reach this milestone and are to be commended! Please keep them uplifted in prayer that God will continue to use them and bless them as they touch the lives of the young people in the Houston area.

## CERTIFICATION

**The CEU Reporting Form** may be found on our website at <https://www.southwesternadventisteducation.com/forms>. Please note that it needs your superintendent's approval. Certificates documenting an activity may be sent directly to the certification registrar. The certificate needs to show the activity, your name, the date, and the clock hours of the activity.

Academic credit requires an official transcript. Official means it is sent directly from the college or university to our office. Transcripts can be emailed to [kam-paran@swuc.org](mailto:kam-paran@swuc.org) or mailed to Office of Education, Southwestern Union Conference, PO Box 4000, Burleson TX 76097.

### **Renewal Requirements**

Conditional — 6 academic semester hours in required courses

Basic — 6 academic semester hours beyond required education courses

Standard — 10 semester hours; 4 must be academic

Professional and Administrator — 6 semester academic or non-academic hours

**The Adventist Learning Community** is an excellent way to earn certification renewal credits. You can now log in to ALC through your Dashboard Toolkit. The courses are non-academic and free.

**Address Updates:** Any changes in address and phone number need to be recorded at your school, your conference office of education and the union office of education.

The [K-12 Educators' Certification Manual](#) can be found here.

### **SWAU REGISTRATION & TERMS**

**Summer 2020 Registration:** March 30, 2020 and ends June 29, 2020

Summer 2020 semester May 11, 2020 to August 20, 2020

**Fall 2020 Registration:** April 6, 2020 and ends August 23, 2020

Classes begin August 24, 2020

**Spring 2021 Registration:** November 2, 2020 to January 10, 2021

Classes Begin January 11, 2021

