

# Apollo Middle Schools Learning PLC Cycle and B.E.S.T Practices

*Going Beyond Expected Student Target*

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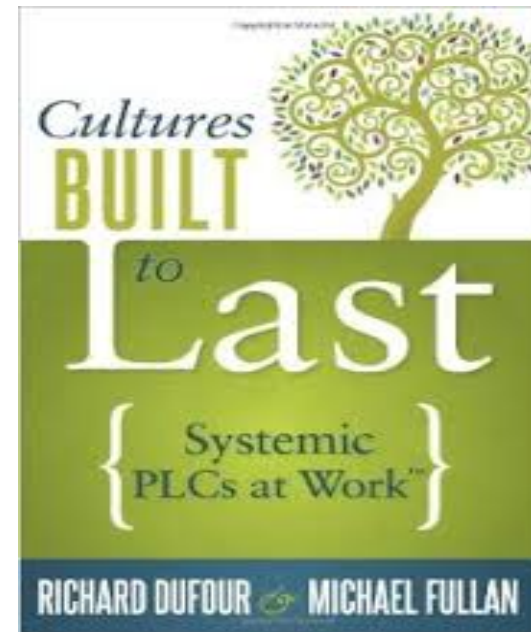
**Apollo PLCs**  
**8:30AM – 9:25AM**  
**Increasing Student Achievement**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Reading 6-8 Preparing for College and Career	Reading per Grade Level Data Teams (CARE)	Every Week
Math 6-8 Deeper Learning For Students	Math per Grade Level Lesson Study (CARE, units)	Every Week
Language Arts 6-8 Building Knowledge and Writing Skills	N/A	PLCs Biweekly Department Meeting Follow ups as needed
Science 6-8 Enhancing Critical Thinking with Rigorous Text and Applications	N/A	Every Week
Social Studies 6-8 Engaging and Preparing Students for Historical Inquiry	N/A	3 PLCs & 1 Dept. Meet per month

*Electives (Merged with content area PLCs)*

# APOLLO PLCs

- ◆ PLCs are organized by department
- ◆ Department Chairs Facilitate
- ◆ Curriculum Assessment, Remediation, and Enrichment (CARE) Cycles for 4 to 6 weeks



# Curriculum

- Best Practices
- Deconstructed Standards
- Item SPECS
- Depth of Knowledge/  
Complexity Rating
- Videos from America Achieves, Defining the Core
- Book Study: *The Art of Teaching by Marzano (domains, etc.)*

