



STACKED WINS

AUGUST 2026

MARION TRANSFORMATION ZONE

August is when the year opened. Students returned, the summer's materials went into classrooms, and the support structures for both buildings were set. Each win ties to one of Marion's three implementation priorities.

WE DID

PRIORITY 2 · JUSTICE

Launched Synergy with AI with 6th-grade students at Justice Intermediate.

WHAT THIS INVOLVED

Led the 6th-grade launch of Synergy with AI at Justice Intermediate, coordinating rostering, teacher implementation, and student routines designed to deepen thinking, strengthen responses, and support reflection.

HOW KIDS WILL BENEFIT

Students will strengthen critical thinking, reflection, and revision skills by using AI as a tool to challenge, refine, and deepen their thinking.

WE DID

PRIORITY 3 · TRANSFORMATION ZONE

Launched Momentum Monday and CREATE2THINK.

WHAT THIS INVOLVED

Launched Momentum Monday and CREATE2THINK by finalizing facilitation guides, instructional units, and supporting materials while establishing consistent routines and expectations for implementation.

HOW KIDS WILL BENEFIT

Students get consistent Momentum Monday experiences built around ownership, collaboration, and career exploration, plus a next sequence of Exploration Block work that deepens inquiry and problem-solving.

WE DID

PRIORITY 2 · JUSTICE & MCCULLOCH

Launched the Instructional Priorities Model for math.

WHAT THIS INVOLVED

Launched the Instructional Priorities Model for math, beginning with Collaborative Inquiry professional development with the Justice Instructional Leadership Team; developed and shared a 6th-grade Advanced Math curriculum map to support students' advanced math pathway; reviewed the 7th- and 8th-grade Advanced Math curriculum maps and provided recommendations to district leadership; and finalized the schedule of math supports with Justice and McCulloch.

HOW KIDS WILL BENEFIT

Students will have increased opportunities to reason about math concepts through class discussions and collaboration with their peers. Students on the advanced math pathway will have clearly defined goals and more cohesive transitions between grade levels.