Is SWUN or GoMath board approved and adopted?
Swun Math is TR’s supplemental curriculum and GoMath is the adopted textbook for the current school year. Swun Math is the board adopted curriculum and will replace GoMath beginning the 19-20 School year. The Board has approved SWUN math based on the increased student performance last year. The benchmarks are all aligned to the Swun pacing and instructional materials.

Does Kindergarten have to administer Swun Assessments?
Kindergarten will administer Swun Trimester Benchmarks Tests and utilize Swun curriculum like all other grade levels.

Do Kindergarten Students have to bubble in answers on assessments?
The Assessment Protocols located on the Assessment and Accountability webpage, states that “students may write on the test as needed”. This means that students may indicate an answer without filling in the bubble. Students may circle the answer, draw a line to the answer, write the answer or demonstrate their understanding in a way that is clear to the teacher.

Who administers Trimester 3 assessments?
In addition to trimesters 1 and 2, Kindergarten -2nd Grade will be expected to administer the Swun Trimester 3 Benchmark. This is required because these grade levels do not take the SBAC.

What is required of teachers?
Teachers will utilize the Swun lesson design, Swun Materials, the instructional pacing recommended by Swun, and administer and score the benchmark exams provided by Swun. Teachers are expected to accept the support provided by the Swun coaches and engage in the site provided coaching. Teachers who are struggling in adhering to any of the above items should request additional support from their administrator.

Will teachers be evaluated based on their implementation of the Swun lesson design and pacing?
Teachers are evaluated based on the California Standards for the Teaching Profession. Principals will observe math lessons and celebrate teacher implementation and offer additional support throughout the year as needed. This is to support teachers as well as create a safe environment to embrace new instructional approaches as a school team. Principals will be learning the new lesson design over the course of the year alongside teachers.
If it feels punitive or unsupportive to a teacher, notify the site administrator of the effect.

Are the pacing guides for kindergarten through 8th grade be available and published on the Twin Rivers website?
Yes. The Swun team has worked diligently to execute the pacing guides for the TRUSD. The Kindergarten -8th Grade pacing guides are posted on the Twin Rivers Web Page for 2018/2019.
Does using BTBF negate the usage of Number Talks or is it a choice? BTBF should be used on a regular basis.

Teachers should do BTBF 4 times each week. The California Framework for Mathematics states that students know facts “of two one-digit numbers from memory” and should know them fluently. The word fluent is used in the standards to mean “reasonably fast and accurate”. BTBF supports this. Number Talks can be utilized as an additional option to help students learn their facts. Assessing students’ mastery of the facts is essential to promote mathematical fluency.

Are teachers required to do 20-30 minutes of Beyond the Basic Facts?
Yes. Teachers are required to spend 20-30 minutes of foundational math skills 4 times each week. Teachers should be assessing the knowledge of students consistently.

Can we use the GoMath Chapter Tests?
Teachers should use the tests in the SWUN system. For the 2018-2019 school year teachers have access to SWUN Chapter Tests that align to the SWUN Trimester benchmarks. There is also a pretest for each Benchmark. GoMath chapter tests will not align to Swun Benchmark Tests.

Where/how can teachers access the Swun unit tests?
Teachers can access the chapter tests through the Apps Portal.

Are unit tests required?
Unit test are optional but strongly encouraged.

Are student journals going to be provided for every school?
Yes. Trimester 1 materials have been delivered to sites. Trimester 2 and 3 materials will be delivered soon.

Will homework journals be provided for each site?
Each site may elect to purchase homework journals with their site funds. This is a site decision.

Are we providing red pens/green pens?
Each site may elect to purchase red pens and green pens with their site funds. This is a site decision.

What Teacher Editions do teachers get?
Teachers will receive all TEs for the grade levels they teach.

Is TK using this supplement as well?
No. TK has Big Day.

What will be printed and provided by the district?
For 2018-2019 school year, for each trimester students will receive a Student Journal while teachers will receive a Teacher Journal and a Teacher Resource Book. The Teacher Journal is a teacher copy of the Student Journal for modeling. Paper copies of Benchmark Assessments will be provided for Kindergarten and 1st Grade.

Will we be using the assessments from Swun?
Teachers will be using the Benchmark Assessments and Performance Tasks from Swun. Performance tasks will be part of the benchmarks.

Are there student log-ins?
No.
How does this fit in with Number Talks?

*Number Talks could be used in addition to required BTBF if students are exceeding proficiency.*

Are the benchmarks paper tests or computer based?

*2nd grade through 8th grade SWUN Assessments are now accessible through the Apps portal. SWUN Coaches can assist you with access. Additionally, Twin Rivers IT can help teachers that have trouble logging in.*
How will the effectiveness of this be measured?
As always, data will be used to measure effectiveness. The outcomes of Swun assessments should be a consistent topic of conversation in the Professional Learning Communities.

Is the unit 1 pretest going to be printed by the district?
No

Which student groups are using SWUN materials?
All General Education, RSP, and SDC M/M teachers should be using SWUN materials, lessons, benchmarks, and coaching to support their students. SDC Mild/Moderate teachers may use below grade level materials up to two grade levels below as appropriate to their student’s needs and indicated by the IEP. SDC Moderate/Severe teachers may use SWUN as an optional supplemental resource when appropriate.

Will SPED teachers use the SPED materials or grade level materials?
RSP teachers should primarily utilize grade level materials. Mild/Moderate SPED teachers are expected to use materials appropriate to the IEP goals of the student while continually giving access to grade level material.

Will RSP teachers get hard copies of the teacher’s manuals for ALL the grade levels?
No, they will have digital access to every grade level they teach.

Is there a generic login password for parents and students to access online (such as homework)?
IT will be placing a link on each school’s website that allows parents to access the materials.

When will everyone get the login information for Swun Math?
All teachers should have received their logins via email. If teachers have trouble accessing SWUN online curriculum in the Apps Portal contact info@Swunmath.com. If teachers have trouble accessing SWUN online assessments in the Apps Portal contact the Help Desk at help.desk@twinriversusd.org or by dialing 55555.

When will teachers know when a Swun coach will visit their site?
Swun coaching schedules are published on the C&I web page and provided to principals.

Will a Swun math coach come to my site and demonstrate a lesson with my students?
A part of the coaching and support from Swun includes demonstration. Talk directly with your site administrator to make this request. The coaches are there to support your needs.

When will benchmarks be made available?
The benchmark window will be published as in previous years. You can access the Benchmarks through the Apps Portal. Also available are Pre Tests for each Benchmark.

What Swun tests can I send home to parents?
Any tests, except trimester benchmarks, may be downloaded from the Swun testing system and sent home with students.

What do I do with extra Swun materials at the end of the year?
Swun materials may be offered to students to take home at the end of the school year.

As additional information and questions arise, additions will be made to this document. To submit a question, site administrators should email ----

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