

Secondary Curriculum Issues  
November 2017

1. Content covering and addressing standards-based practices, grading, recording, and best practices in curriculum and instruction have been developed in approximately 50 videos that are 5-10 minutes in length. The Marie Alcock training videos will have the option for viewers to engage in discussion as well as options to receive CEUs. Videos will be housed on the Adventist Learning Community website and are planned to be available this fall.
2. It has been suggested that robotics be included in the exhibitor area at the NAD Teachers' Convention and that several breakouts also be included. It was also recommended that the North American Division Office of Education also post robotics events and articles on the NAD website and Facebook.
3. The Adventist Learning Community (ALC) now has a course on *Child Sexual Abuse: Responsible Prevention and Action for Adventist Churches*. This can be found on the ALC website.
4. Griggs International Academy now has numerous secondary courses that have obtained University of California a-g course approval. Check <http://www.ucop.edu/agguide/online-learning/index.html> for approved courses.
5. *Encounter* Bible for grade 11 has now been rolled out, with the 12<sup>th</sup> grade expected to be ready for the 2018-2019 school year. Online training modules are being created to assist with needed teacher training for the *Encounter* program.
6. This is the final year for PhysicalGenesis. Schools are encouraged to do fitness testing in PE classes only. Parental consent is no longer needed. Fitness testing dates for this school year are March 1 – April 30, 2018. Students' fitness scores are entered using WELNET. Go to the updated <http://www.physicalgenesis.com> support website for videos and additional instructions.
7. Plans are that NAD will have secondary summer committees for both Social Studies and Health during the summer of 2018. Even though this is the year for the NAD teachers' convention, these summer committees are needed in order to maintain the 5-year cycle.
8. La Sierra University offers academic credit for *Encounter* training to teachers who sign up and provide additional work beyond the training in four domains: Demonstration of faith development, a reflection paper on the learning and integration from viewing ValueGenesis videos, creation and implementation of an outreach plan, and the development of an outdoor spiritual retreat practice.
9. There are 8 health courses on ALC that may be of use to teachers. Each course has 3-12 learning modules with voice-over PowerPoints. Additionally, the leaders' guide and original PowerPoint without voice-over will be downloadable on each course site. Each course has learning outcomes, content, learning activities, and assessment in the form of an automated quiz. Check it out at <https://www.adventistlearningcommunity.com/>