

# MRVED UPDATE



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## MRVED Summer Professional Development

The MRVED summer professional development brochure will be coming out in the near future. There is a nice mix of mental health to technology workshops offered throughout the summer. Be on the lookout for it in your e-mail.

## Tech Trivia

How many text messages does the average teenager send per month?

- A. 797                      B. 1,456  
C. 3,339                    D. 5,645

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the answer.

## TIPS/RESOURCES OF THE WEEK

### Science MCA III Item Samplers are now available

*Taken from the Science Update from MDE.*

The samplers can be found [HERE](#). Click on "Item Samplers – Minnesota Assessments Portal" on the bottom right side of the page. Two or three scenarios per grade are available this year, each with 11-15 test questions. The item samplers are intended to be used with students as an opportunity to practice the navigation buttons, online tools and the types of questions on the MCA-III. The samplers are NOT intended to reflect the depth and breadth of the content assessed on an actual test. For more information on the proportions of items aligned to each standard and clarifications on how the each standard will be assessed, the MCA-III Test Specifications for Science can be found [HERE](#).

### Summer Institutes for Science Teachers

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Hamline University will again provide a host of free, popular and powerful summer institutes for teachers of science. Canoe the St. Croix or Mississippi during the three-day **Rivers Institute**. Learn about drinking water engineering and issues in **WaterWorks**. Biology teachers can get up-to-speed on teaching biotechnology concepts in **BioTIC**. And for all those "newly-assigned" chemistry and physics teachers, **Chem4All** and **Physics4All** will provide the opportunity to review concepts, gather resources and plan for teaching chemistry and physics to all students. Information and online applications for all Hamline University summer professional development programs can be found by going to the following [LINK](#).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**April 11**  
Principals' Council  
TAC

**April 18**  
MRVED Board

**April 25**  
Superintendents' Council

**April 27**  
Title III Teachers

**May 23**  
Superintendents' Council

## IPAD APP OF THE WEEK:

NPR News- The [National Public Radio app](#) is a great educational app to have on your iPad or iPhone. You can easily tap into local NPR radio stations as well as read recent news stories. The NPR app is a very comprehensive app that covers a lot of ground. You won't be disappointed if you install this one.