Language Arts Materials Adoption

Estacada School District 2021/2022

Background

Beginning in October of 2021, Scott Sullivan, Jennifer Behrman, Leah Riedel, and Lindsey Fullenwider brought together a committee of administrators, K-12 teachers, specialists, and classified staff to begin the work of selecting materials for a Language Arts adoption. The adoption committee has worked diligently since then to review current research, elicit staff, parent, and community feedback, diligently review a wide selection of language arts materials, and pilot these instructional materials to make the best possible decision for our district and students.

Process

- Established Norms
- Alignment with District Mission, Vision, Goals, and Values
- C Developed an Equity Lens
- Examined Rigor, Relevance, Engagement
 - Shared Hopes and Dreams
- Determined an Instructional Vision with a
 Literacy Framework and research



Developed a district level, comprehensive screening and scoring document







Process











Reviewed ODE and EdReports Scorecards and Publisher's Presentation Videos

Reviewed and scored digital and print materials

Elicited staff feedback and provided opportunities for staff review of materials



Elicited community feedback and provided opportunities for review of materials



Classroom Teachers piloted top selections



Reviewed and discussed all findings and feedback for a final discussion and recommendation

Key Conclusions

- Anchor texts are high quality and rigorous, containing rich academic language, meeting appropriate complexity criteria for each grade level standards.
- Materials reflect the distribution of text types and genres required by the Standards and are at the right text complexity for grade level, student, and task.
- Materials build knowledge systematically through reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language study.

- Materials provide opportunities for rich and rigorous evidence-based discussions and writing about texts to build strong literacy skills.
- Materials support students' developing writing skills over the course of the school year. This includes writing opportunities that are prominent and varied.
- Materials integrate speaking and listening into lessons, questions, and tasks and build in frequent opportunities for collaborative discussions.





Decision and Recommendations

