

Back to School Update



Committee of the Whole
August 6, 2025

Agenda



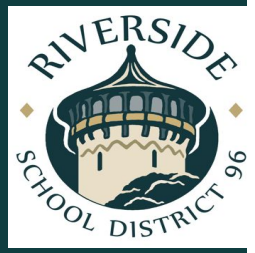
- ❑ Elementary School Day
- ❑ Goal One 2025-2026
 - ❑ Standards-Based Grading and Reporting
 - ❑ Advanced Learning
- ❑ CKLA Third Edition
- ❑ Additional Focus Areas



Elementary School Day

- ❑ Additional 10 minutes added to school day
- ❑ Allows for:
 - ❑ Increased instructional time
 - ❑ Expanded physical education (30 additional minutes/week)
 - ❑ Reaffirming “Right to Play”
- ❑ School Hours: 8:10 AM to 3:00 PM
 - ❑ Supervision begins: 7:50 AM
 - ❑ First Bell: 8:00 AM/Tardy Bell at 8:10 AM

Standards-Based Grading and Reporting



- ☐ 2025-2026 Partial Implementation
 - ☐ Elementary: Math, Science, Learning Behaviors
 - ☐ Middle School: Maintain current grading system; standards in PowerSchool
 - ☐ Full Implementation in 2026-2027
- ☐ Ongoing Professional Learning
- ☐ Aligned Proficiency Language
 - ☐ Mastered, Proficient, Approaching, Below
- ☐ Electronic Gradebook Use
- ☐ Clear Family Communication
 - ☐ What is Standards-Based Grading and Reporting?
 - ☐ What is the shift?
 - ☐ What families will see?



Advanced Learners Program Review

- ❑ Committee to meet in September to review findings
- ❑ Prioritize recommendations by:
 - ❑ Urgency
 - ❑ Quick wins
 - ❑ Systemic shifts for Fall 2026
- ❑ Partnership with Northwestern Center for Talent Development
 - ❑ Research-based suggestions
 - ❑ Support long-term plan development
- ❑ Begin addressing immediate goals

CKLA Third Edition Background and Context



- ❑ Full 2nd Edition copyright is 2022
 - ❑ Districts provided feedback while implementing
 - ❑ Company continued to follow current research on instructional practices
- ❑ Many districts moving to 3rd Edition
 - ❑ Including Brookfield LaGrange School District 95
 - ❑ Those not moving
 - ❑ Last year of 3 year contract
 - ❑ Dual Language Programs
 - ❑ Unaware until last minute

CKLA Third Edition

Why the Update



- ❑ Publishers update materials to:
 - ❑ Incorporate user feedback
 - ❑ Improve assessments and data tools
 - ❑ Streamline implementation

CKLA Third Edition

Key Differences Between Editions



1. Instructional Quality

- a. Stronger alignment to standards
- b. Improved writing and knowledge-building sequences
- c. Updated texts and supports for all learners

2. Teacher Usability

- a. Realistic pacing and planning
- b. Unified digital platform

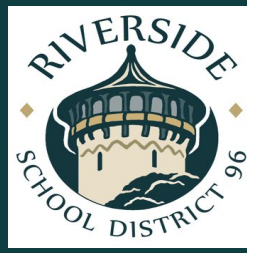
3. Student Engagement

- a. More engaging visuals and resources

4. Equity & Access: Supports for All Learners

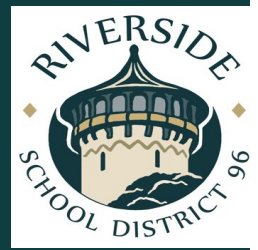
- a. Embedded support to reach all learners

CKLA Third Edition Second-Edition Materials



- ❑ Most teachers are keeping 2nd Edition teacher guides
- ❑ Donating:
 - ❑ Student Readers (all grades)
 - ❑ Trade Book Collections (Grades K-2)
 - ❑ Big Books (Grade 1)

CKLA Third Edition Cost



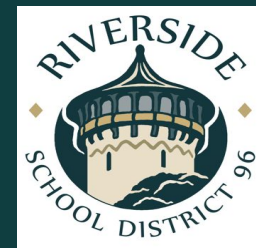
- ❑ Original 3-Year Contract (CKLA 2nd edition): \$364,400
 - ❑ Included materials for all elementary schools for 2024-2027
- ❑ Structure: Paid upfront for 3 years of materials
 - ❑ Additional materials paid in third year of contract
- ❑ Upgrade to CKLA 3rd Edition:
 - ❑ Credit for unused years: \$166,844
 - ❑ Loyalty Discount: \$93,711
 - ❑ New 3-Year Contract Total: \$157,040
 - ❑ Includes materials for all elementary schools for 2025-2028

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Monitoring and Evaluation

- ❑ Student Outcomes
 - ❑ MAP, IAR, and curriculum assessments
 - ❑ Student work samples
- ❑ Teacher Implementation
 - ❑ Classroom walkthroughs
 - ❑ Team collaboration including planning and pacing reviews
 - ❑ CKLA consultant learning labs
- ❑ Teacher Experience
 - ❑ Surveys and Reflection tools
 - ❑ Open feedback loops

Additional Focus Areas 2025-2026



- ☐ Empowered Teams
- ☐ Professional Learning Road Map
- ☐ MTSS: Academic & Social Emotional Learning Consistency
- ☐ Student Growth
- ☐ STEM Instruction
- ☐ E-Learning
- ☐ Artificial Intelligence in Schools



Thank you.
Questions?