

Secondary English-Language Arts Curriculum Adoption

May Committee of the Whole

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Adoption Process

- **2021-2022**
 - Analyzed 2020 MN English-Language Arts Standards
 - Identified curricular and instructional shifts in standards
- **2022-2023**
 - Conducted Needs Assessment
 - Surveyed staff, students, families, and community members
- **2023-2024**
 - Prioritized Curriculum Needs
 - Identified needs in diverse literature, differentiated support, improved writing instruction and updated resources
 - Reviewed Resources Based on Needs
 - Reviewed 6 instructional resources using district evaluation rubric
- **2024-2025**
 - Piloted Possible Resources
 - Middle School piloted myPerspectives and Into Literature
 - High School piloted StudySync and Into Literature

Secondary ELA Selection

- **The Pilot Team:**
 - 6 middle school and 4 high school ELA teachers across grades 6-11
- **Time Invested:**
 - Teachers spent 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter engaging in training sessions, preparing lessons, attending check-ins, hosting walk-throughs, and implementing the resource in their practice
- **Analysis and Reflection:**
 - Staff completed a Resource Rubric and an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Rubric to reflect on the resources. Savvas and StudySync ranked high in
 - Culturally Responsive texts in each unit
 - Supporting student dialogue
 - Making real world connections
 - Standards-based lessons and assessments
- **Themed Units and Diverse Texts:**
 - Each unit revolves around an essential question that addresses universal ideas through multi-genre texts written by diverse authors
- **Aligned to MN ELA Standards:**
 - Pacing guides and assessments correlate directly to the 2020 ELA standards, providing alignment across classrooms
- **Differentiation Support:**
 - Access to professionally recorded audio, concept vocabulary with audio support, multimedia activities, teacher-facing notes to support multilingual learners, vocabulary development, and cross-curricular connections

Adoption Cost

- myPerspectives (Middle School): \$318,273.60
- StudySync (High School): \$376,673.85
- Total Cost (8 years*): **\$694,947.45**

*Through negotiations and by signing an 8 year contract, Duluth Public Schools saves over \$500,000 in cost over the next 8 years.



Questions?

- Any questions?
- Comments?
- Concerns?
- Feedback?