

MEMO

TO: Superintendent Gina Butters, Board President Jon Ritchie, WSD Board Members

FROM: [Christy Wagner](#)

DATE: July 21, 2022

SUBJECT: English Learner Resource Adoption

In order to meet the instructional and curricular needs of the WIDA Language standards for English Learners in grades 4-12, we began a resource adoption process in December, 2021 which focused specifically on supports for newcomer students. The RFP resulted in bids for five products.

A 10-member resource adoption committee was assembled in May, 2022 composed of EL teachers from across the district, with members chosen to ensure both elementary and secondary schools were represented. Additional members included the Curriculum Specialist who oversees English Learners, WSD Digital Communications Web Manager and paraprofessionals who serve our English Learners. Several of the teachers involved also have students in the district.

The adoption process began with an informational kick-off meeting on May 2, 2022, during which the instructional materials and evaluation rubric was introduced. The adoption timeline was discussed in detail and committee members were given information about their roles on the committee. Members had access to all materials considered at this time. This was followed by publisher presentations to familiarize committee members with each product. Teachers field tested the materials in their individual classrooms. Each committee member was required to evaluate the materials using a rubric specifically designed to provide a thorough and comprehensive review of the content, alignment, student appeal, rigor and teacher resources.

On May 17, 2022 the resource adoption committee met again for grade-level discussions, material review, rubric evaluation and vertical articulation. All committee members participated in making the final resource selection. Following a facilitated group discussion, members voted unanimously to recommend the *Vista, Get Ready* materials. *Vista, Get Ready* was found to be the best resource to meet the needs of our students who are new to the country and to the English language. *Vista, Get Ready* focuses on the academic and instructional language newcomer students will need to navigate the school environment. These lessons introduce students to the language in science, social studies, math, music and the arts, while providing instruction in phonics and grammar. The committee members recommended each English Learner teacher receive the teacher materials for the program and have access to student material on an as needed basis for newcomer students. In reviewing last year's

enrollment, we determined that we would need 50 licenses available for our elementary students and 75 for our elementary students. The total cost for six years of *Vista, Get Ready* for 4th through 12th grade newcomer English Language Learner students would be \$35,288.66.

Subscriptions - 6 Years

Subscription Product	Price	Cost
Secondary Teacher Materials	14 @ \$169.00	\$2,366.00
Secondary Student Digital licenses	50 @ 174.95	\$8,747.50
Elementary Teacher Materials	30 @ \$449.95	\$13,498.50
Elementary Student Digital License and workbook	75 @ \$119.95	\$8,996.25
Total		\$33,608.25
Shipping		\$1,680.41
Total Cost:		\$35, 288.66

We are seeking your approval to purchase the *Vista, Get Ready* resources as a support to the curriculum for English Learner students in grades 4-12. The products will also be available to other curricular areas in an ancillary manner. As always, we sincerely thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the highest quality instructional resources to our students and teachers.