# Neah-Kah-Nie ELA Curriculum Adoption

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# "Learning is not a spectator sport."

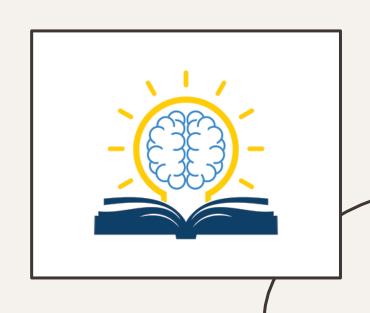
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-Anita Archer

### **ELA PILOTING Process so far**

### The major steps of our piloting process started back in the fall of 2021

- Science of Reading PD
  - understanding the switch from Balanced Literacy to Structured Literacy
- Piloting Materials Selection
  - choosing what supports the
    Science of Reading
- Piloting during the 22-23 school year
  - Implementing with fidelity



## The Science of Reading

We are in the middle of a nationwide shift of understanding that there is a very specific series of neurological pathways that need to be formed in order for an overwhelming majority of people to learn how to read.

- Past: Balanced Literacy Approach
- Present/Future: Structured Literacy Approach

### **Curriculum Materials Selection for Piloting**

- Received approved curriculum list from the state
- Developed an evaluation tool to determine if materials met the criteria to support science of reading.
- Selected Great Minds and Wilson Language Publications
  - Wit and Wisdom (ELA curriculum)
  - Geodes (Decodable texts)
  - Fundations (foundational phonics materials)
- Determined a Piloting plan
  - Think Tank Teachers: Wit and Wisdom and Geodes
  - All pre-k/3 teachers : Fundations

### **Full Adoption**

#### At NES:

5 out of 8 teachers- Wit and Wisdom

3 out of 8 teachers- Geodes

Fundations will be taught in all classes pre-k/5 (2 Teachers for the first time)

#### At GGS

3 out of 6 teachers- Wit and Wisdom

2 out of 6 teachers- Geodes

Fundations will be taught in all classes pre-k/5 (2 Teachers for the first time)

#### **Summer Training:**

All teachers will have 4 hour virtual grade level Fundations training.

#### 2023-2024 Training

ALL teachers will have 2 Seven hour in person Great Minds Training (Launch and Module and Lesson Study)

## **Cost- Curriculum Budget**

#### **6 Year Contract with Great Minds**

- Have already supplied materials to multiple classrooms that have been piloting this year.
- Cost = non-piloting teachers Wit and Wisdom materials (consumables for 6 years)+ Geodes for non-piloting materials + initial Fundations materials for classrooms that have not had it so far + digital access for Wit and Wisdom/ inSync
- Further additional expenses in the future will be Fundations consumables, digital access, and replacement durables as needed.
- Great Minds/Fundations/Geodes Bundled Quote:\$154, 711.21
- Fundations Consumables: Still waiting on Quote from company.

### Conclusion

#### During our piloting time

- fantastic results in students critical thinking and writing skills due to Wit and Wisdom approach to deep learning
- Students in Fundations are using phonics and grammar based language and understanding to take ownership of their reading skills.
- Deeper understanding of reading and spelling rules.
- This is a massive undertaking and need to look at this curriculum adoption as a long term process with continual training and fidelity checks over time.
- We will be going slow at first but will get better with extra practice opportunities... just like our students.

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