

K-5 Literacy Recommendations

During the 2022-2023 school year, our K-5 teachers engaged in pilots for a new literacy resource to be adopted for the 2023-2024 school year. Leading up to these pilots, Dr. Ban, the K-4 grade level coordinators, and our 5th grade ELA teachers reviewed and selected resources to pilot in the spring of 2022. The team engaged in a standards review, studied the common core shifts, reviewed the Publishers' Criteria, and the IMET (Instructional Materials Evaluation Tool) criteria to narrow down to Wit and Wisdom, EL Education (formerly LearnZillion), and Amplify CKLA as options for pilots for the upcoming school year. K-4 chose Wit and Wisdom and Amplify CKLA to pilot, and 5th grade chose Wit and Wisdom and EL Education. An overview of this year's pilot process is outlined below:

When	Who	What
June/July/August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Superintendent • Elementary Principal • K-4 Grade Level Coordinator Team • 5th Grade ELA Team • All K-5 teachers 	Plan for pilots, train all staff for first pilot, grade level coordinator book study (<i>The Knowledge Gap</i> by Natalie Wexler), grade level curriculum work
August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All K-5 teachers 	Begin Wit and Wisdom Pilot
September-December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Superintendent • K-5 parents 	Surveyed all K-5 parents
January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Superintendent • Elementary Principal • All K-5 teachers 	Receive training for and begin CKLA and EL Education Pilots
January-April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Superintendent • All K-5 teachers • K-5 parents 	Surveyed all K-5 parents; collected K-5 teacher feedback on both resources
April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Superintendent • Elementary Principal • K-4 Grade Level Coordinator Team 	Review all feedback, select resource, identify areas of additional need and supporting resources

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th Grade ELA Team 	
May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Superintendent • Elementary Principal • K-4 Grade Level Coordinator Team • 5th Grade ELA Team 	Board recommendation for adoption, plan for summer work and fall training

Resource Review Results

We surveyed our teachers and families after each of the two pilots in grades K-4 and 5th grade. All of our teachers participated in the reviews, and our parent participation was as follows: Wit and Wisdom (70 parents), Amplify CKLA (43 parents), and EL Education (7 parents). Because we only received 7 responses for the EL Education survey from 5th grade, which is less than a 10% response rate, we used parent comments about both programs and our teacher feedback to make our decision.

For K-4, our **teacher survey** results are as follows:

Component	% Meets/Exceeds Expectations	
	Wit and Wisdom	Amplify CKLA
Meets all required standards (Literature, Informational, Writing, Language, Speaking, Listening, Foundational Skills K-3)	26.9%	62.9%
Allows for the cross-curricular integration of standards	53.8%	81.5%
Anchor texts are of quality, rigorous, rich in academic language, and meet complexity requirements for the grade level	96.2%	74%
Supporting texts are of quality, rich in academic language, and differentiated	40%	48.1%
Texts are culturally responsive, multicultural, and inclusive	92.3%	77.8%
Writing tasks and assignments address all three genres: narrative, opinion, and informational	19.2%	59.2%
Ample opportunities to respond to reading in writing are evident	23%	66.6%

Provides for systematic instruction of vocabulary	48%	70.3%
Opportunities for word work that are evident and appropriate for each grade level	8.3%	48.1%
Grammar and language standards are explicitly addressed and taught	28%	40.7%
Covers all relevant genres for both reading and writing	38.5%	70.3%
Depth of content is sufficient	42.3%	96.3%
Content is appropriate for students' age	53.9%	77.7%
Information is accurate and relevant	92.3%	100%
Interdisciplinary connections are evident	80.7%	74.1%
Ample opportunities for rich experiences in both speaking and listening	84%	74%
Has opportunities for multiple/authentic assessments	19.2%	66.6%
Provides both formative and summative assessment types	19.2%	81.5%
Assessments are aligned to standards and goals	61.6%	81.5%
Includes supports for English Language Learners	7.6%	33.3%
Includes supports for students not at grade level	4%	70.4%
Includes supports for advanced learners	34.6%	81.5%
Online resources and components are of quality and usable	12%	100%

The **parent responses** are as follows:

Component	% Always/Usually	
	Wit and Wisdom	Amplify CKLA
The resource is user friendly for the student.	70%	81%
The resource is user friendly for the parent.	63%	79%

The resource allows me to be informed of the standards and content my child is learning.	66%	79%
The resource provides my child the opportunity to develop knowledge about a topic.	73%	86%
The resource provides my child the opportunity to read a range of texts about a topic.	73%	86%
The resource allows my child to write about what he/she has learned about a topic.	72%	81%
My child has been exposed to new academic vocabulary through this resource.	76%	84%
The resource gives students the opportunity to develop their thinking skills.	68%	79%

Our recommendation for K-4 ELA is Amplify CKLA, and we recommend a six-year adoption. For 5th grade, we recommend EL Education by Imagine Learning for a three-year adoption.

When reviewing the teacher comments on the Amplify CKLA survey, there were some areas of concern the teachers identified and all were noted. Below is a summary of how we will address the additional needs we found on based on our review of Amplify CKLA:

WHAT	HOW	WHEN	WHO
K-2 Writing	CKLA Writing Studio	Summer Planning 2023	K-2 Teams
K-2 Grammar	Mini Lessons aligned to skills scope and sequence	Summer Planning 2023	K-2 Teams
Authentic texts and Trade Books	Review tradebook list, select texts to order; shift WW books to grade levels based on topics	Summer/Fall 2023	K-4 teachers and Librarian
EL Supports	CKLA Language Studio	Summer/Fall 2023	EL Teachers

5-8 Science Recommendations:

The 5-8 science team has been piloting various science resources since the 2019-2020 school year, with a pause during 2020-2021 during Covid. Resources that were piloted in 2019-2020 included: TCI, HMH Dimensions, Discovery Science, plus National Geographic in 5th grade. Then in 2021-2022, teachers engaged in an additional pilot of HMH Science Dimensions. None of these resources were highly rated by the teachers or the students. In 2022-2023 5th, 6th, and 8th grades piloted McGraw Hill Inspire Science. Our teachers evaluated the program and we engaged in student focus groups as well. After reviewing these data points, it was clear that our 6h and 8th grade teachers and students did not feel that Inspire Science was a resource worth adopting. 5th Grade, however, did find a lot of success with the resource, both from the teacher and the students. Therefore, we are recommending a three-year 5th grade adoption of Inspire Science. For 6th-8th grade, we will continue to evaluate resources and will likely engage in pilots on a small scale during the 2023-2024 school year. We will go back to using Discovery Science in 6th-8th grade as a supplemental resource while we evaluate other science resources.

Resource	Grade Level(s)	Includes	Quoted Cost
Amplify CKLA (English Language Arts)	K-4	6 years of: teacher resources, student consumable books, teacher online access, 3rd/4th student online assess, K-2 Writing Studio (includes shipping)	\$97,534.82
EL Education (English Language Arts)	5th Grade	3 years of: teacher resources, student consumables, online access, and corresponding trade books (includes shipping)	\$4,735.59
McGraw Hill Inspire Science	5th Grade	3 years of: teacher and student resources (includes shipping)	\$9,337.20

Moving forward, we have planned summer work days for our K-4 and 5th grade teachers to review and prepare their new units for the upcoming school year. We are very excited about adopting these resources and think they will provide plentiful opportunities for both our teachers and students to grow and build knowledge in a variety of content areas while developing their skills.