



ELA ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM ADOPTION INITIATIVE: PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT



The English Language Arts Adoption Initiative Participation Agreement Form serves as the application and agreement for districts to submit if they choose to be part of this initiative. This agreement is due to Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (Kristi.Grabber@alaska.gov) no later than November 8, 2022.

Purpose: Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) will offer guidance and support to districts through a grant process to select and implement an elementary, evidence-based core curriculum, with an emphasis on culturally responsive implementation methods.

Alaska Reads Act requires districts to formulate an MTSS/RTI DEED-approved plan to provide intensive reading intervention at each school serving K-3, beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. Tier I of an MTSS/RTI plan includes high-quality, evidence-based core reading instruction. This initiative is an opportunity for districts to participate in adopting evidence-based core reading curriculum to meet the requirements of HB 114 with the goal of achieving Alaska's Education Challenge Priority #1, that students will achieve reading proficiency by third grade.

This is a two-year initiative. The first year will include adopting elementary (K-5) level evidence-based reading curriculum for the district. The second year will include collaborating with other districts regarding implementation practices and lessons learned.

Details of the Initiative:

- The ELA Curriculum Adoption Initiative is for school districts. Individual schools will not be considered unless they are the only elementary school in the district. Participation requires the superintendent's approval.
- Each participating district will need to form a team of stakeholders. There must be at least one administrator and one elementary teacher on each team.
- Each district team will:
 - Attend a series of virtual meetings and two grant-funded, in-person meetings in Anchorage (January 27th and April 28th) during the current 2022-2023 school year to complete the requirements of the initiative. Up to five team members will attend the in-person meetings. Teams will attend four virtual meetings during the 2023-2024 school year to collaborate with other participating districts using the same curriculum adoption.
 - Be provided with a curriculum review tool and trained in its use to guide participants in choosing the best curriculum for their district.
 - Review up to five evidence-based, standards-aligned, culturally responsive curriculum choices for reading at the elementary, K-5 level. Recommend a curriculum for adoption to the district and use district practices to complete the adoption process.
 - Attend professional development focused the integration and infusion of culturally relevant practices into a curriculum adoption and differentiated instructional approaches to meet the needs of all students in the district.
 - Develop an implementation plan for the district that incorporates professional development in the newly adopted curriculum, plans to address culturally relevant practices, and any extenuating plans to adapt the curriculum to the context of the district (i.e., multi-age classrooms).



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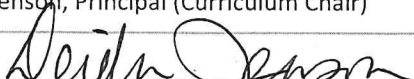


- Order (or arrange ordering with district personnel) the adopted curriculum needed for the district no later than July 10, 2023. A grant will be provided by AK DEED to support the purchase of materials.

District Agreements Participation Agreements in the ELA Elementary Curriculum Adoption Initiative

- The district agrees to complete the initiative as described on page 1 of this form.
- The district agrees to ensure a complete curriculum is purchased for district use in grades K-5 and understands that the grant provided by AK DEED may not cover all desired curriculum components.
- The district understands that the *minimum* amount received will be \$125.00 per student towards the purchase of curriculum, and possibly more, depending on the number of participants in the ELA Curriculum Adoption Initiative. DEED's hope is to support as many districts as possible with this initiative.
- The district agrees to purchase the curriculum adoption no later than July 10th to use beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.
- The district agrees to provide professional development, as outlined in the implementation plan developed by the district team.
- The district agrees to use the state-adopted literacy screener three times each year (fall, winter, spring) beginning fall 2023 for at least one year. This will inform instruction and intervention.

District Information

School District: Southeast Island School District	District Phone Number: 907-828-8254
District Address: 1010 Sandy Beach Road, Thorne Bay, AK 99919 PO Box 19569	
Number of schools in the district that serve grades K-5 and will use the English-based reading curriculum adoption: 7 plus possibly Correspondence School (Parent choice)	
Number of students in grades K-5 that will use the English-based curriculum adoption: 66 plus possibly correspondence students (5?)	
Number of teacher's editions needed in grades K-5 for a new ELA curriculum adoption: 9	
Name of current curriculum adoption and year it was adopted: Houghton Mifflin READING published in 2004. I don't know the date it was adopted, but I know it was prior to 2007 because that is when I first moved to this district and we used it then.	
Respond to the following question: Why is participation in the Curriculum Adoption Initiative important for your district and how will it enhance your reading improvement efforts? Our current curriculum is very old. We can't find consumables to purchase anymore. We have limited funds and curricula is very expensive.	
Name and title of the person completing the Participation Agreement Form: Dr. Deidre Jenson, Principal (Curriculum Chair)	
Signature: 	Date: 11/8/22



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The signature of the superintendent below represents the district's commitment to adhere to the plan described on pages 1-2 and agreements listed above.

Superintendent Name: Sherry Becker	Date: 11/8/22
Signature: <i>Sherry Becker</i>	

Return this form to Kristi.Grabber@alaska.gov by November 8, 2022 to be considered for participation in the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development K-5 ELA Curriculum Adoption Initiative for the 2022-2024 school years.