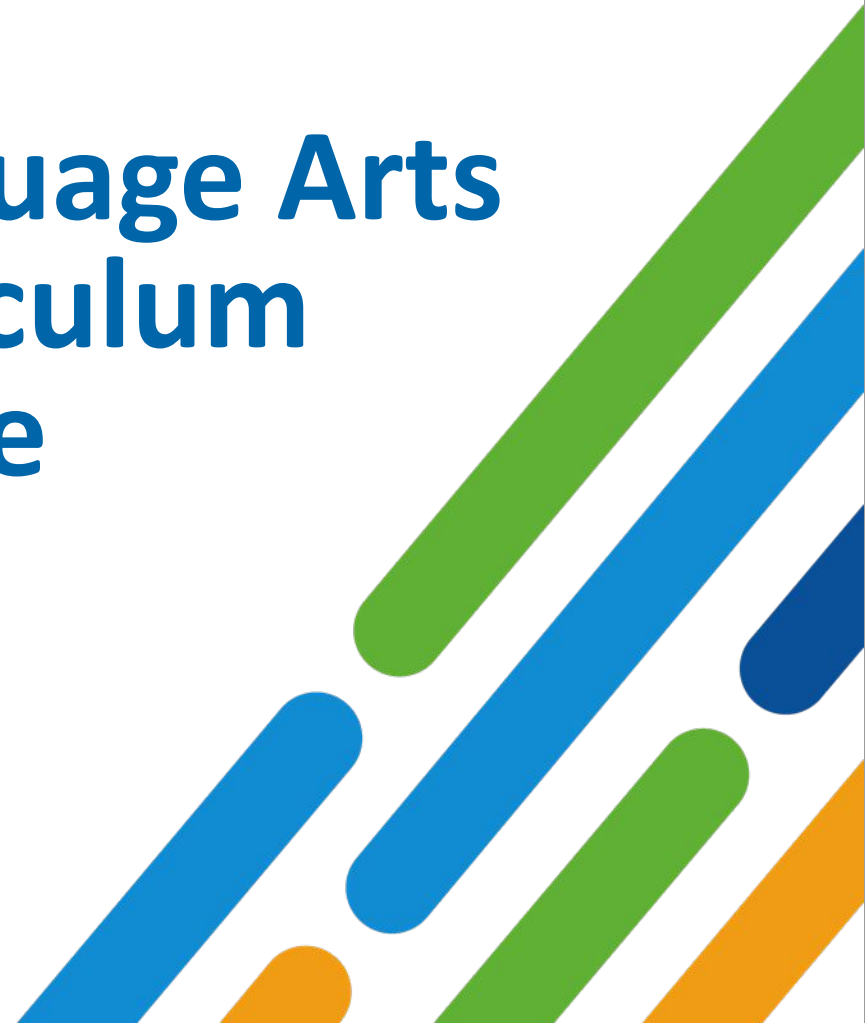




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K-5 English Language Arts & PreK/TK Curriculum Adoption Update

March 14, 2024



Alignment to Strategic Plan 2027

Goal Area #1: Effective and consistent instructional practices that meet the needs of all students



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Curriculum Adoption Background

Background

- Past and current diagnostic data shows:
 - phonics continues to be an area of need, even beyond 2nd grade
 - gaps in foundational skills lead to difficulties in reading comprehension as students progress through grade levels
- Science of Reading (SOR) evidence shows reading must be taught systematically for both word recognition and language comprehension using a structured literacy approach
- Our current adopted elementary ELA curriculum, Benchmark Advance, follows a balanced literacy approach

Goals for Adoption

- **Goal for Elementary ELA Adoption:**
 - To adopt a curriculum that follows the Science of Reading and meets the needs of MVWSD's students
- **Goal of PreK/TK ELA Adoption:**
 - To adopt an integrated curriculum that follows the Science of Reading, develops language and background knowledge, follows a continuum of playful learning, and meets the needs of our youngest students



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Work So Far

Curriculum Pilot #1

	K-5: Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts	PreK/TK: Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum
Curriculum Training	12/12/23: Training from Amplify	1/8/24: Training from Teaching Strategies
Pilot Period	1/8/24-2/16/24	PreK: 1/22/24-2/16/24 TK: 1/16/24-2/9/24
Pilot Support	1/30/24 Mid Pilot Check in: Additional training and support from Amplify	2/1/24: Mid Pilot Check In Weekly open office hours with Creative Curriculum

Curriculum Pilot #1

- Both committees recorded their ratings and comments on the MVWSD ELA Pilot Rubric (K-2 and 3-5) and the PK/TK Pilot Rubric.
- Directors Dagar, Kemper, Nguyen and Coordinator Ellard observed curriculum pilot classrooms

Curriculum Pilot #2

	K-5: McGraw Hill Wonders	PreK/TK: Savvas Three Cheers for PreK
Curriculum Training	2/13/24: Training from McGraw Hill	2/13/24: Training from Savvas
Pilot Period	2/25/24-4/5/24	2/25/24-4/5/24
Pilot Support	3/19/24 Mid Pilot Check in	3/28/24: Mid Pilot Check In Biweekly open office hours with Savvas

Curriculum Pilot #2

- Both committees will record their rankings and comments on the MVWSD ELA Pilot Rubric (K-2 and 3-5) and the PK/TK Pilot Rubric.
- Directors Dagar, Kemper, Nguyen, and Coordinator Ellard will observe curriculum pilot classrooms



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Considerations

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- Learning how to use any new curriculum takes time
 - committee members are piloting as many components of the curriculum as they are able
- Piloting a new curriculum mid-year is also challenging because the scope and sequence is not in exact alignment with the curriculum that they were using previously



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Next Steps

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- Adoption Committee members continue with piloting the second curriculum
 - Pilot #2 end date: April 2024
- Mid-pilot check in scheduled for mid-March
- K-5 end of pilot check-in scheduled for April 20th and PK/TK for April 23rd
- Committee will make recommendations to Board of Trustees in May for review and discussion and June for approval

Questions?