

K-12 Curriculum and Instruction **English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum for K-12**

I believe MHPS is committed to alignment! We align our work to the learning needs of all of our students.

When selecting materials for adoption, it is important to support assessments, current best practices, instructional methods, and to align the curriculum to standards (CCSS). As we know, a perfect curriculum does not exist. Alignment (vertically) is not just about the textbook or resource used in the classroom. It is about aligning to standards and developing a clear understanding of the standards. We need to commit to communication and teaming vertically in the years to come as we prepare for CCSS while including technology in our efforts.

Through ACSIP we will support the alignment of curriculum to standards and the understanding of standards. We will commit to giving teachers time together to vertically align.

– Dr. Gigliotti, Assistant Superintendent

Grades K-2:

MHK and NWH analyzed two resources, Journeys and Treasures. Treasures will provide longitudinal student data and aligns with current MHPS best practices. Treasures also includes AR Frameworks and CCSS, abundant technology resources, handwriting, and supports our current intervention programs (DIBELS, BURST, and mClass).

- *Grades K-2 recommended adopting the series Treasures by McMillian McGraw Hill Publishers.*
- *Grades K-2 recommended adopting the Handwriting Curriculum by Benson Publishers.*

Grades 3-5:

Hackler Intermediate School (Grades 3-5) recommended adopting the reading series Journeys by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Hackler teachers have carefully examined all the materials and feel that Journeys best fits the needs of all student populations. The technologically rich Journeys reading series contains options for student differentiation. Journeys offers teachers two different paths to take with the instruction in their classroom, a “traditional” path and a “comprehensive literacy” path. Both are equally supported with teacher resource guides and materials. Teachers at Hackler felt the series was organized in a way that would allow them to successfully integrate the resource into their classrooms. Journeys is aligned to both Arkansas and Common Core Standards. As our 5th grade teachers continue following a literacy lab model in their classrooms, this series best

provides resources to follow that model and will allow students to transition easily into literacy lab model classrooms at Pinkston Middle School.

- *After careful consideration Hackler Intermediate School (grades 3-5) recommended Journeys by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.*
- *After careful consideration Hackler Intermediate School (grade 3) recommended adopting the Handwriting Curriculum by Benson Publishers.*

Grade 6-7:

PMS recommended building on their current curriculum with supplemental materials. Materials are needed in order to “differentiate” instruction for ALL students. PMS considers the student population to be from Team III to Pre AP Students. PMS is in need of levels of materials. Mirrors and Windows by Engaged Motivating and Challenging Publishers (EMC) implements Literacy Lab. In addition, EMC utilizes whole class literature pieces with built in vocabulary and grammar on an individual basis. The amount of supplemental materials that accompany the curriculum is very impressive. EMC has a multitude of leveled grammar and reading materials. PMS appreciates the fact that they will provide PD time for the life of the adoption. They have everything on CD and all is editable.

- *After careful consideration of all resources available, 6-7 Grades recommended adopting the Literacy Lab Instructional Method with supplemental materials to be adopted from Mirrors and Windows by EMC.*

Grades 8-12:

MHJH and MHHS (Grades 8-12) recommended an anchor resource for the adoption along with supplemental materials. Materials are needed in order to “differentiate” instruction for ALL students.

- *After careful consideration of all resources available, 8-12 Grades recommended resources adopted from Holt/McDougal Publishers. 10-12 Grade supplemental materials will be adopted from Bedford St. Martin and Prestwick House publishers/resources.*
- *MHHS Journalism recommended Glencoe Publishing.*
- *MHHS Oral Communications recommended Glencoe Publishing.*