

New K-5 Language Arts Curriculum for 2023-2024

After two years of intensive training in the Science of Reading and research based instructional practices for teaching reading and writing, followed by immense scrutiny guided by our partners at the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and CAREI (Center for Applied Research in Educational Improvement), our English Language Arts Curriculum Review Team has selected the combined resources of [Functional Phonics](#) and [Amplify CKLA](#) as our new curriculum starting in 2023-2024.

Functional Phonics is a foundational skills curriculum for grades K-2, but will be used school-wide with any students who have not yet mastered the foundational skills of phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, decoding, and encoding. The Functional Phonics scope and sequence follows a logical progression of phonics based skills from simple to complex for building reading and spelling skills. The lessons consist of evidence-based instructional routines and techniques. Each day includes hands-on, engaging, and multi-modal activities including listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Amplify CKLA is a K–5 literacy curriculum that inspires curiosity and drives results, empowering all students with rich background knowledge. Built on the Science of Reading, Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) sequences deep content knowledge with research-based foundational skills. Amplify CKLA has been recognized by the [Knowledge Matters Campaign](#) as a literacy program that excels in building knowledge. Programs were selected for their rigor and the quality of their instructional and learning materials. [EdReports](#), an independent curriculum review nonprofit, rates a curriculum on three gateways: Text Quality, Building Knowledge, and Usability. Amplify CKLA earned a green rating in all three.

If you have any questions regarding the resources or our process of selection, feel free to contact me.

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