14-15 Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Development Guide

Effective districts, as noted in the District Planning Guide, consider the following as they prepare for curriculum and assessment:

MILESTONE	DECISIONS FOR CONSIDERATION
Choose high quality curricula and train teachers to use these curricula	- Use Department **ELA and math curriculum guide**[4] to build your plan for K-12 math and K-12 ELA curricula. - If deviating from the Department's recommendation, use the Department's **instructional resource reviews**[5] to choose which curriculum resources to adopt. - Based on this plan, determine which materials will need to be purchased and which materials should be discarded. Materials include textbooks, text sets, consumables, interventions, and assessments. - Use Department **guide for 14-15 ELA and math professional development**[5] support to determine which school based and district staff will participate in which of these trainings. - Determine what additional trainings need to be accessed in addition to Department offerings. - For other content areas, determine if any curriculum adjustments are necessary.

This guide previews the quality materials available to support districts with the above 14-15 planning.

- Mathematics (page 2-3)
- English language arts (page 4-5)
- ELA and math professional development (pages 6-7)

Curriculum, assessment, and professional development remain local decisions. Districts are free to choose and purchase any materials they wish and are not limited to the programs in this guide.

Mathematics

As Louisiana moves to new mathematics standards, the following changes to instruction are critical to ensure student success:

- Real-life practice of math concepts
- Appropriate and integrated remediation

Educators must use tools and resources that support these shifts. In a math classroom, this includes a **_core curriculum_** to guide the bulk of instruction. In addition, many educators use **_support resources_** to help them adapt daily lessons, find new ways to explore concepts, and supplement gaps in their curriculum. Finally, **_supplemental assessment tools_** help teachers monitor student learning. The table below highlights high quality tools in each area.

Area	Department Guide	Access
Core Curriculum	**Eureka Mathematics Curriculum** - High quality, standards aligned curriculum - Meets tier 1 instructional review criteria - State contract signed for all for purchase options with Eureka math Student books available free and for purchase in printed book form - Teacher guides available free and for purchase in printed book form	**Eureka Mathematics curriculum** - The entire curriculum is available for free download here: http://commoncore.org/maps/math/module-pdfs - The entire curriculum is also available in an enhanced online version that can be purchased: https://commoncore.org/maps/math/order - Districts can purchase printed student materials: commoncore.emprint.com/student - Districts can purchase printed teacher editions: http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Section/id-817670.html - Districts can purchase instructional tools: http://commoncore.org/maps/math/tools-and-representations - *State contract signed for all purchase options with Eureka Math* - For information on Eureka Math curriculum, contact Sandra Elliott Elliott@commoncore.org
Support Resources	Teachers use additional resources to support their core curriculum. These resources help teachers adapt daily lessons, find new ways to explore concepts, and supplement gaps in their curriculum. **LDOE Mathematics Guide Books** - Support tool to supplement any curriculum - Include scaffolded instructional tasks for grades K-12 - Include standard specific remediation recommendations for grades K-12	**LDOE Mathematics Guide Books** - 3 printed copies sent to each district - Every teacher leader will receive 1 book at the June event - Downloadable Guidebooks available - Downloadable individual tasks available

	LearnZillion • Offers 4000+ free, high quality video lessons for math and ELA grades 2-12 • Support teacher/parent understanding of standards and student practice • LearnZillion Premium is an integrated package for districts and schools that provides lesson resources, professional development, and collaboration tools **Illustrative Mathematics** • Rigorous practice items **Math Design Collaborative (MDC)** • Lessons that fit within standards-aligned math courses of study for grades 6-12	**LearnZillion**: learnzillion.com • Create a free account at the link above • For info on LearnZillion Premium, go to LearnZillion.com/Premium_Overview or contact Sales@LearnZillion.com **Illustrative Mathematics**: http://www.illustrativemathematics.org/ **Math Design Collaborative**: http://www.map.mathshell.org/materials/index.php *The department has reviewed a series of math curricular tools that informed these recommendations. The reviews are available online.*
Assessment	Assessment information helps educators monitor student progress towards their goals of standards mastery. This requires a series of assessment tools including: ### *Classroom Assessments* Teachers assess student mastery throughout the units and use the information to adjust instruction. **Eureka Math Assessments** • Daily and summative assessments built in to the modules (units) • Rigorous and integrated into curriculum **EAGLE** • Ongoing uploads of items aligned to state end of year tests **Math Design Collaborative (MDC)** • Sample summative tasks and tests ### *District Benchmarking Assessments* Assessments that help districts/schools monitor student growth. **Recommended District Benchmarking Tool**: *Reviews available mid-March*	**Eagle**: http://www.louisianabelieves.com/assessment/eagle **MDC Tasks:** http://www.map.mathshell.org/materials/index.php *The department has reviewed a series of math benchmarking assessment tools that informed these recommendations. The reviews are available online.*

English Language Arts

As Louisiana moves to new ELA standards, the following changes to instruction are critical to ensure student success:
- Use meaningful, appropriate, on grade-level texts in whole class instruction
- Use texts so students meet standards (integrating standards in reading, writing, speaking, and listening)

Educators must use tools and resources that support these shifts. In an ELA classroom, this includes a ***core curriculum*** to guide the bulk of instruction. In addition, many educators use ***support resources*** to help them adapt daily lessons, find new ways to explore texts, and supplement gaps in their curriculum. Finally, ***supplemental assessment tools*** help teachers monitor student learning. The table below highlights high quality tools in each area.

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Core Curriculum	*ELA instruction* includes (1) on grade level, whole class instruction and (2) foundational skill development (K-3) or remediation (middle/high school). Currently, there is *no complete program* in both areas. **K-3 ELA Suggestion** **Core Knowledge/Amplify Skills Strand paired with LDOE Unit Plans** • Core Knowledge Skills Strand supports foundational literacy development • Core Knowledge Skills Strand is a tier 1 foundational literacy program (the full curriculum is tier 2) • LDOE units provide tasks for critical whole class instruction missing from foundational programs **Grades 4-12 ELA Suggestion** **LDOE Unit plans** for on-grade level, whole class instruction • 5-6 full units released for every grade K-12 • All units include at least 3 summative assessments and daily tasks for whole class instruction • Companion ELA online instructional framework includes resources and videos *available May 1* *A NOTE about ELA Tier 2 Programs:* At this time, the following reviewed programs are tier 2: • K-3: Full Core Knowledge/Amplify curriculum • K-12: Engage New York ELA Curriculum • 6-8: Scholastic Code X • 6-12: Houghton Mifflin Collections • 6-12: Pearson Literature These programs have strengths, but also need to be supplemented in the following ways: • Writing tasks are not effectively integrated with texts • Texts are not appropriately varied and consistently rigorous • In most cases, districts will still need to purchase the novels to support the curricula The LDOE unit plans were built to address these gaps. If you purchase a tier 2 program, we strongly recommend you supplement the curriculum with the texts and instructional tasks from the LDOE units. This will ensure your students are full prepared for the level of rigor demanded on EOY tests.	**LDOE ELA Guide Books and Units** • 3 printed copies sent to each district • Every teacher leader will receive 1 book • Downloadable Guidebook available • Downloadable individual units available • ELA online instructional framework • List of all texts included in the K-12 units available March 1 • *6-8 Guidebook available March 1* • *High school Guidebook available April 1* • *3-5 Guidebook available May 1* • *K-2 Guidebook available June 1* **Core Knowledge Skills Strand (Amplify)** • Available for free download and/or printed versions for purchase: http://books.coreknowledge.org/home.php?cat=365 *The department has reviewed a series of ELA curricular tools that informed these recommendations. The reviews are available online.*

Support Resources	Teachers use additional resources to support their core curriculum. These resources help teachers adapt daily lessons, find new ways to explore texts, and supplement gaps in their curriculum. **Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC)** • Teacher-designed framework, online tools, and resources for creating literacy-rich standards-aligned lessons and units across content areas **LearnZillion** • Offers 4000+ free, high quality video lessons for grades 2-12, including many ELA lessons • Support teacher/parent understanding of standards and student practice **Read Aloud Project (RAP), Basal Alignment Project (BAP), and Anthology Alignment Project (AAP):** • Free, teacher-created lesson revisions for stories in current ELA textbooks (grades K-10) • Includes questions, vocabulary, and writing tasks aligned to the new standards for use with texts • Close Reading Lessons provide the passage or full text	**Literacy Design Collaborative**: http://ldc.org/ **LearnZillion**: learnzillion.com • Create a free account at the link above **BAP and AAP Lessons** **RAP Lessons**
Assessment	Assessment information helps educators monitor student progress towards their goals of standards mastery. This requires a series of assessment tools including: *Classroom Assessments* Teachers assess student mastery throughout the units and use the information to adjust instruction. **LDOE Unit Plan Assessments** • All units include at least 3 cumulative unit assessments • Sample daily instructional tasks included throughout the unit **EAGLE** • Ongoing uploads of items aligned to state end of year tests and released unit plans **LDC Task Collection** • Fill-in-the blank "shells" for assessing student writing in response to reading *District Benchmarking Assessments* Assessments that help districts/schools monitor student growth. **Recommended District Benchmarking Tool**: *Reviews available mid-March*	**LDOE ELA Guide Books and Units** • Unit assessments built in to unit plans; Downloadable individual units available **EAGLE:** http://www.louisianabelieves.com/assessment/eagle **LDC Tasks**: http://ldc.org/sites/default/files/LDC-Template-Task-Collection-2.0.A.docx *The department has reviewed a series of ELA benchmarking assessment tools that informed these recommendations. The reviews are available online.*

ELA and Math Professional Development

The ELA and math professional development below supports the above curriculum and assessments. Except for LDC and MDC, all free professional development will only be available to members of each district's Teacher Leader cohort. Districts are welcome, but not required, to opt in to the available professional development. In addition, the Department will pay to host the events, but will *not* pay for associated travel expenses.

All districts will have access to a set number of seats for each free professional development opportunity.   A full calendar of Professional Development will be available late spring.

	Type	Available For Free	For Purchase
Math	**In Person**	**Teacher Leader Summit (June 3 and 4 in New Orleans): Eureka Math Sessions** • Math content training (teacher focused) • How to use the Eureka Math curriculum • Sessions for district staff and principals **Eureka Math Summer Institute: 3 days** (late July) • Deep content and curriculum training (teacher focused) • DOE will host the event and pay a set number of seats for each district **Eureka Math Fall Grade Band Trainings: 1 day sessions, October** • Four trainings offered around the state • DOE will host the event and pay a set number of seats for each district **Math Design Collaborative (MDC)** • Deep training on MDC framework • Three, one-day trainings for teachers and three, one-day trainings for leaders • 1-page application to participate posted in March 25 newsletter; due April 30	**Eureka Math summer institute (late July):** • Districts may purchase additional available seats **Additional Eureka Math training:** • Eureka math offers trainings for purchase **http://commoncore.org/teachers-guild** • LDOE locked in low, set costs for training options • For information or to set up Eureka Math training, contact Sandra Elliott Elliott@commoncore.org **LearnZillion** • LearnZillion Premium is an integrated package for districts that provides 4000+ math/ELA lessons and resources, access to their Premium webinar series and their innovative PLC collaboration platform • Learn more at LearnZillion.com/Premium_Overview or contact Sales@LearnZillion.com
	Virtual	**Eureka math webinar series:** • Bi-weekly calls throughout the entire school year • Prepare teachers for each upcoming instructional module, led by module authors • LDOE will pay for a set number of webinar seats for each district	**Eureka math webinar series:** • Districts, schools, and individual teachers can purchase additional webinar seats at a Louisiana state rate • To purchase webinar access go to http://commoncore.org/teachers-guild

		Eureka math online portal: • Access to model instructional videos and additional instructional tools • See the latest updates and guides for the curriculum • LDOE will pay for each district to receive 1 online math portal log in	**Eureka online portal:** • Districts, schools, and individual teachers can purchase additional logins to the online portal • To purchase webinar access go to http://commoncore.org/teachers-guild
English Language Arts	**In Person**	**Teacher Leader Summit (June 3 and 4 in New Orleans): 10 ELA sessions** • How to use the curriculum and connect to the foundations • Sample model lessons (by grade band) • Unit use for principals and districts **ELA Summer Institutes: 2 days in late July** (northern and southern sessions) • Grade band training on use of text • Training on use of LDOE unit plans and recommended tools • DOE will host the event and pay a set number of seats for each district **ELA Fall Trainings: 1 day sessions in October** (northern and southern sessions) • One-day trainings offered in the northern and southern parts of the state • DOE will host the event and pay a set number of seats for each district **Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC)** • Deep training on the LDC framework • Three, one-day trainings for teachers and three, one-day trainings for leaders • 1-page application to participate posted in March 25 newsletter; due April 30	**Core Knowledge Skills Strand:** http://www.coreknowledge.org/professional-development **LearnZillion** LearnZillion Premium is an integrated package for districts that provides 4000+ math/ela lessons and resources, access to their Premium webinar series (including many ELA-specific sessions), and their innovative PLC collaboration platform. Learn more at LearnZillion.com/Premium_Overview or contact Sales@LearnZillion.com
	Virtual	**Virtual Book Clubs** • Bi-monthly throughout the school year • Help teachers read and comprehend texts in the unit plans • Prepare teachers for each upcoming unit (led by unit writers) *Logistics and registration information available in the summer.*	