

SPRING CURRICULUM UPDATE



Reed Union School District

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Curriculum Updates



**English Language
Arts
& Social Studies**



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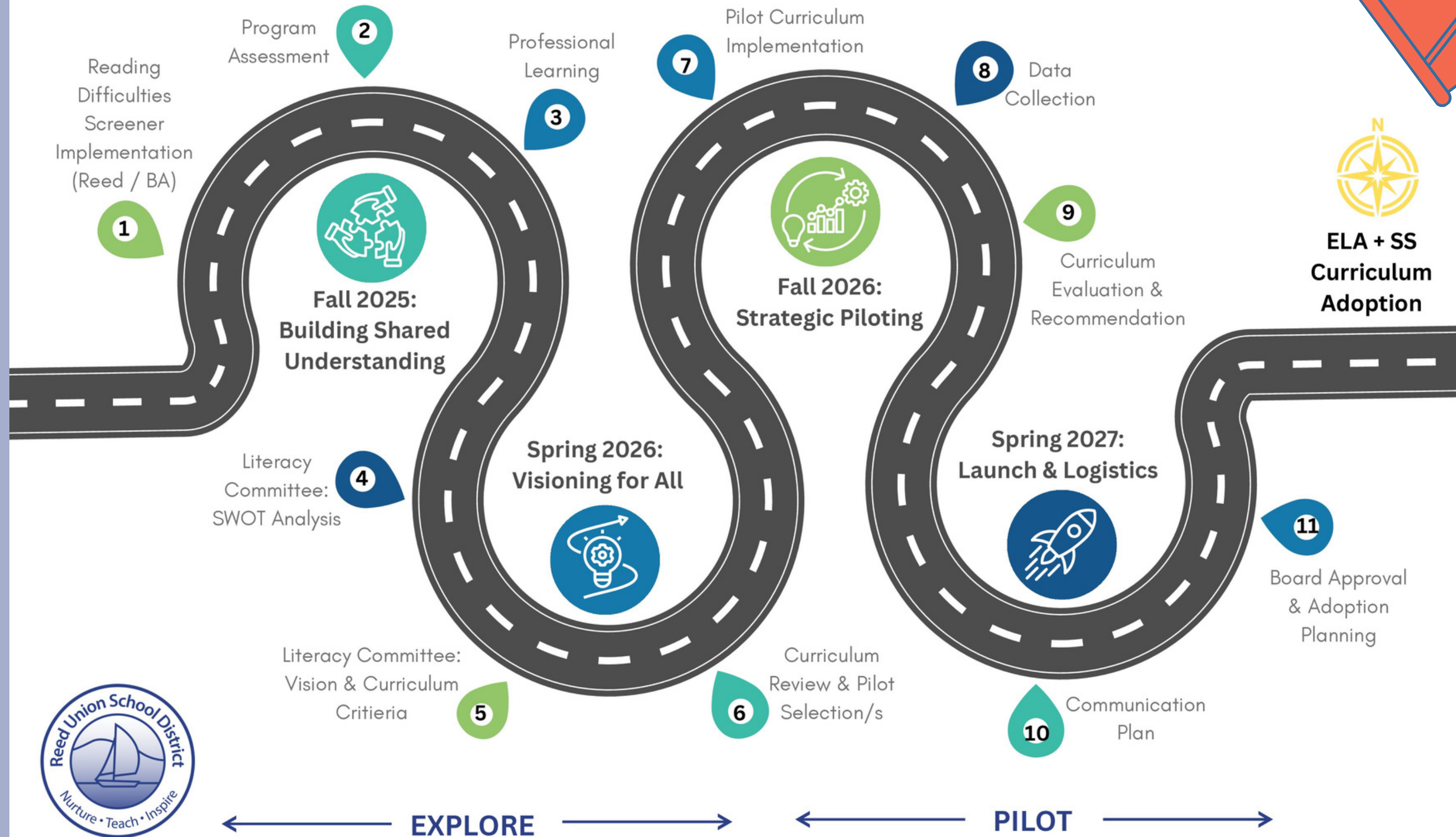
Comprehensive Health
Framework



Math PK-5

Amplify Desmos Math
Year Two Implementation

Two-Year PK-8 Literacy Roadmap





Reed Union School District Curriculum Adoption Framework

Curriculum Adoption Map

Subject	School	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032
ELA	Reed	Benchmark Advance			Explore	Pilot	Adopt				
	BA	Benchmark Advance			Explore	Pilot	Adopt				
	DM	Holt			Explore	Pilot	Adopt				
Math	Reed	Eureka	Explore	Pilot	Adopt	Amplify Desmos					
	BA	Eureka	Explore	Pilot	Adopt	Amplify Desmos					
	DM	Illustrative Mathematics + Big Ideas for Algebra				Explore	Pilot	Adopt			
Science	Reed	Mystery Science					Explore	Pilot	Adopt		
	BA	Mystery Science					Explore	Pilot	Adopt		
	DM	Savvas					Explore	Pilot	Adopt		
History / Social Sciences	Reed	Benchmark Advance			Explore	Pilot	Adopt				
	BA	Benchmark Advance			Explore	Pilot	Adopt				
	DM	TCI History Alive (6-8) + National Geographic (6th)			Explore	Pilot	Adopt				
Health	Reed			Explore	Pilot	Adopt					
	BA			Explore	Pilot	Adopt					
	DM			Explore	Pilot	Adopt					

EXPLORE

Needs Assessment:

- Identify gaps
- Analyze student data
- Gather stakeholder input

Curriculum Selection Criteria:

- Alignment with standards
- Rigor and depth
- Instructional design
- Cultural responsiveness
- Cost-effectiveness

Site Team SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

Leveraging our aligned instructional components and high-engagement resources that have driven proven student achievement

OPPORTUNITIES

Capitalizing on the Science of Reading and innovative technology to create a more integrated, cutting-edge literacy framework



WEAKNESSES

Addressing vertical alignment gaps between grades and identifying specific areas where student growth data remains inconsistent

THREATS

Proactively managing evolving state mandates, budget realities, and the professional learning capacity required for a successful rollout

District Literacy Committee

ELA Curriculum Criteria

- **Unified Instructional Roadmap:** Analyzed site-level SWOTs, the District Strategic Plan, and the CDE ELA Framework to establish district-wide curriculum criteria.
- **Rigorous Evaluation Standards:** Leveraged top-tier national and state evaluation resources (EdReports, The Reading League, Knowledge Matters Campaign, and CDE adoption lists) to guide the selection process.

Social Studies

- **Middle School Continuity:** Completed a comprehensive SWOT analysis and determined that the current TCI curriculum continues to effectively meet student needs.
- **Strategic Elementary Pause:** Temporarily pausing standalone elementary Social Studies adoption to prioritize a knowledge-based ELA curriculum.
- **Integrated Learning Model:** Ensuring Social Studies and Science standards are deeply embedded within the new curriculum so the district can later target specific supplemental materials.



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District-wide Overarching Curriculum Criteria *English Language Arts*

Engagement & Integrated Design: Inspires curiosity through meaningful learning experiences that systematically connect ELA with Social Studies, Science, and other content areas.

Differentiation, Diversity, & Student Choice: Provides flexible pathways and projects representing diverse cultures and perspectives, allowing all students to stay challenged and access content.

Vertical Alignment: Skills develop consistently and progressively from grade to grade, with each year building on prior knowledge and increasing in complexity.

Rigor & Evidence-Based Best Practices: Promotes critical thinking through high-leverage instructional strategies aligned to standards and grounded in literacy best practices and the Science of Reading.

Flexibility: Supports teacher-led adjustments in pacing, content, and instructional strategies to meet students' evolving needs.

Writing & Effective Expression: Prioritizes comprehensive writing instruction - including narrative, informative, and argumentative forms - alongside oral communication and presentation skills.

Varied Assessments: Utilizes diverse tools - including formative, summative, and diagnostic - to monitor student skill development and knowledge growth over time (e.g., quick checks on fluency or comprehension).

Foundational & Advanced Skill Balance: Ensures a seamless and simultaneous progression where explicit foundational instruction builds the base for early and ongoing engagement with complex text analysis and knowledge-building.

Expanded Grade-Level Requirements

Level	Must-Haves (Non-Negotiables)	Deal-Breakers (Red Flags)
Elementary (PK-5)	• Explicit Foundational Skills: Systematic phonics and phonemic awareness • Knowledge Building: Instruction integrating rich fiction/non-fiction with SS/Science. • Handwriting: Embedded component for early grades.	• Scripted Teaching: Lessons that remove teacher autonomy. • Lack of Decodables: Programs without high-interest, diverse decodable texts. • Isolated Skills: Drills without connection to rich, meaningful content.
Middle School (6-8)	• Bilingual Offerings: Text offerings in multiple languages. • Material Access: Both online (games/tests) and physical (workbooks) resources. • Ease of Use: Seamless view between Student iPads and Teacher MacBooks.	• Formulaic Writing: Instruction that requires restrictive templates. • Test-Prep Focus: Overemphasis on multiple choice at the expense of analysis. • Rigid Pacing: Programs that don't respond to student data/needs.

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Top 3 Strengths:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Biggest Concern for Implementation: _____

Emerge!
McGraw Hill Literacy

Amplify ELA

Inquiry
by Design



**Del Mar
Curriculum**

ELA Next Steps - Elementary

ELA Pilot Logistics

- **Strategic Pilot Planning:** Define the scope, including professional development needs, evaluation rubrics, and site-specific logistics.
- **Amplify CKLA Selection:** Moving forward with an Amplify CKLA pilot in January 2027 as it ranked highest on our evaluation rubric; this timeline ensures the district evaluates their newest, California-specific materials submitted to the CDE.
- **Secondary Pilot Exploration:** Continuing to review EL Education resources to evaluate its feasibility as a potential second pilot option.
- **Strategic Fall Focus:** Utilizing the fall semester to deepen Year 2 Math implementation and build foundational knowledge, staff buy-in, and best practices ahead of the winter ELA pilot.

Reed Elementary Targeted Initiatives

- **Collective Efficacy:** Committing to a unified foundational skills scope and sequence. During this transitional year, Reed will implement Sonday System E, providing seamless instructional cohesion with Tier 2/3 interventions and Bel Aire's 3rd-grade program.
- **Year 2 DIBELS Implementation:** Entering Year 2 of DIBELS data cycles, shifting focus from baseline compliance to deeper data interpretation, instructional implications, and targeted student response.

ELA Next Steps - Middle School

Curriculum Selection

- **Del Mar Curriculum:** Ranked highest on evaluation rubric, with notable strengths in critical thinking, multi-tiered differentiation, comprehensive writing, and authentic formative assessments.
- **Scaffolded & Integrated Learning:** Leveraging a program design that builds sequentially across grade levels, while deeply integrating social studies standards and cohesive learning strategies.
- **Vertical Coherence & Articulation:** Dedicate staff release time to design a unified framework that ensures developmental appropriateness, vertical consistency across grades, and a transparent curriculum model that can be clearly showcased to the community.

Instructional Rigor & Targeted Enhancements

- **Rigorous & Relevant Differentiation:** Deepening the commitment to close reading and consistent writing strategies that push academic challenge and relevance for all learners through purposeful differentiation.
- **Targeted Grammar Pilot:** Launching a supplemental grammar workbook pilot next year for weekly homework, directly addressing an identified skills gap while proactively resolving schoolwide concerns regarding student digital fatigue from online platforms like IXL.
- **Secondary Articulation & Alignment:** Maintaining a strategic partnership with Redwood High School to ensure middle school literacy skills are explicitly aligned with future high school expectations and secondary readiness.

Comprehensive Health Framework



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RUSD Health Framework [CA Health Framework + Standards](#)

Grade	Health Topics	Where are standards being covered? (Classroom, PE, Science, Community Time, Advisory, etc ...)	Curriculum / Resources Used
Reed Elementary School			
K	Nutrition & Physical Activity	Snack/Lunch Time PE GoNoodle and Movement Breaks Spanish Curriculum	Scholastic - Let's Find Out Magazine Scratch Garden
	Growth & Development	Mindfulness Mystery Science Library Identity Lessons Mat Man Five Senses (Fair and Classroom Work) Fine Motor Skills and Development	Story books Handwriting Without Tears Mystery Science Scholastic - Let's Find Out Magazine
	Injury Prevention & Safety	Kindergarten Safety Day Fire Station Field Trip Community Time Reed School Values Anti Bullying lessons PE Lessons	Second Steps Anti Bullying Scholastic - Let's Find Out Magazine PE Mini Lessons on Safety & Injury Prevention
	Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drugs	Safety Day Fire Station Field Trip School Nurse & Counselor Lessons / Workshops	
	Mental, Emotional, and Social Health	Community Time Class Meetings Story read alouds and discussions in the classroom and in the library	Kimochis Keys to Communication, Read Alouds, variety of SEL lessons, Names and Faces schoolwide assembly, Library Specialist time Scholastic - Let's Find Out Magazine



Health Next Steps

SEL

Character Strong selected by Bel Aire as their new SEL curriculum.

- 2 year, CASEL-aligned process
- Top-Tier CASEL Rating: Proven effectiveness in grades 2-5 for improving student behavior, identity, and agency
- Staff-Approved Tiered Support: Highly rated by staff for ease of use and built-in tier 2 small-group support for social skills and executive functioning

Reed and Del Mar are exploring Character Strong as a supplementary resource to existing SEL programming (alignment and coherence).

Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drugs

- **Identified Need:** The District Health Committee noted inconsistent delivery of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs standards across all school sites.
- **Action Plan:** District Nurse, in conjunction with school counselors and teachers, will create aligned lessons, workshops, and assemblies to address standards and ensure instructional consistency district-wide.

Sexual Health

- **Transition to Internal Delivery:** Shifting from external vendor to a sustainable, internal model led by credentialed staff member.
- **Student Engagement:** Leveraging trusted, familiar staff (PE teacher, district nurse, and school counselor) to spread lessons throughout the year rather than compressing them into a single week.
- **Supported Implementation Plan:** Partnering with Superstar Health in a consulting capacity next year to ensure a smooth, compliant transition and rollout.

Amplify Desmos: Year 1 Highlights

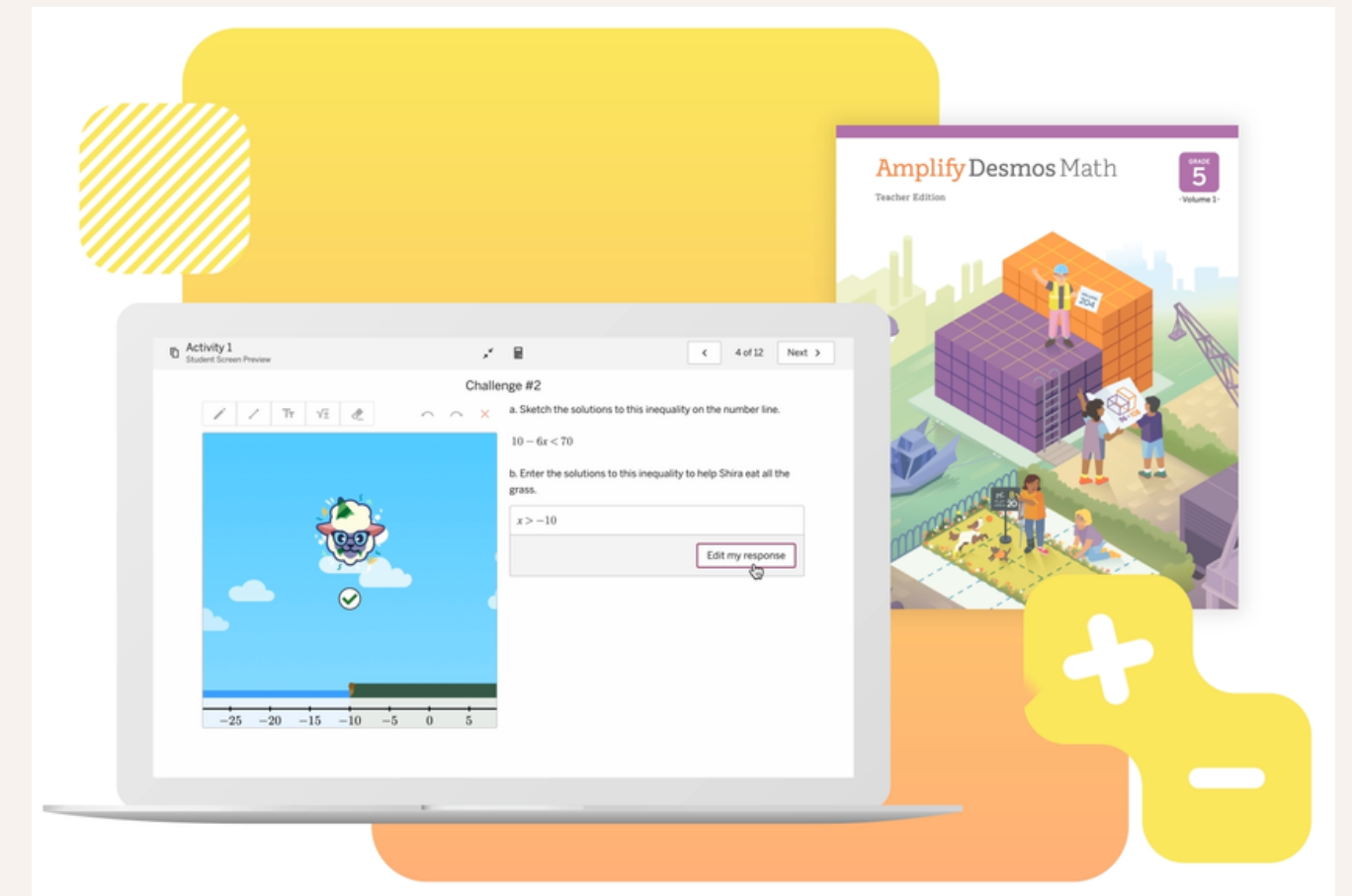
- **Districtwide Launch & Scale:** Successfully deployed Amplify Desmos across all 30 K-5 classrooms, impacting 634 students, with the PreK team actively participating in field trials to provide critical feedback for early learning alignment.
- **Targeted Professional Growth:** Supported teachers through coaching and professional development delivered by Amplify consultants and our Instructional TOSA.
- **Data-Driven Instruction:** Utilized curriculum assessments to conduct structured data talks, driving immediate instructional shifts and aligning core classroom instruction with targeted student interventions.
- **Just-in-Time Teacher Support:** Launched the bi-weekly Amplify Desmos Dispatch newsletter to deliver continuous instructional tips, tricks, and best practices directly to staff.
- **Proactive Parent Engagement:** Expanded family partnership through dedicated Back-to-School Night presentations and monthly site newsletter updates highlighting the new math program.

Amplify Desmos Math



Amplify Desmos Next Steps

- **Deepening Instructional Expertise:** Shifting the focus to mastering all curriculum components to deliver highly targeted differentiation, strengthening support for struggling learners while accelerating advanced students.
- **California Framework Alignment:** Supporting a smooth transition to the new California Edition to align closely with state priorities.
- **Targeted Planning Time & Tools:** Developing site- and grade-level curriculum maps and hosting proactive unit unpacking sessions so teaching teams can strategically map out their year.
- **Elevating Rigor & Discourse:** Prioritizing classroom environments that center on mathematical discourse, deep critical thinking, and active engagement for all students.
- **Coherent Intervention Systems:** Utilizing ongoing assessment data to build a seamless MTSS loop, ensuring clear entry/exit criteria and alignment between intervention groups and core classroom instruction.





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