AUSD K-5 Elementary Program 24-25

Content Area	Core Curriculum
Mathematics 	Eureka Squared Math, Great Minds (K-5) • Standards-based sequential mathematical content that includes fluency practice, building mathematical practices and habits, and application of math to real-world contexts. Students are taught to use critical thinking, conceptual models and various mental strategies to solve mathematical problems. • Grades K-2 focus on number sense and operations with whole numbers. • Grades 3-5 focus on number sense and operations with whole numbers, decimals, and fractions. Great Minds Parent Support
English Language Arts (ELA) 	Collaborative Literacy, Center for the Collaborative Classroom (CCC) and IBD (3-5) • A research-based comprehensive English Language Arts program to build foundational reading skills (Being a Reader K-2), reading comprehension (Making Meaning K-5) and writing strategies (Being a Writer K-5). • This program is also a social-emotional learning curriculum, using diverse texts, explicit instruction, and student practice to build social-emotional competencies such as social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making.
English Language Development (ELD) 	Systematic ELD (EL Achieve) • State language assessments (ELPAC: Initial and Supplemental) determine which students benefit from **additional** support in Academic English. Teachers provide English Learners with explicit language instruction based on language needs, as well as strategic support for learning in the core content areas. • Units are organized around social studies, science, and visual and performing arts topics while building students' understanding of vocabulary, syntax, and grammatical forms).
Science 	Full Option Science System (FOSS), Delta Education • A hands-on science program that supports learning for Next Generation Science Standards in physical, earth and life sciences. • Students work in collaborative groups to engage in scientific practices such as carrying out investigations, using models, analyzing data, and constructing explanations based on evidence.
History-Social Science 	Inquiry Journeys (InquirED) • Students learn about our diverse classroom, school, local community, California, our nation, and global issues through inquiry and informed action. • The curriculum is designed to build students' ability to generate and engage in compelling questions, investigate and uncover the past, discuss relevance to today, and learn how to be productive citizens in a global society.
Physical Education 	Physical Education Web Page • In grades 1-5, physical education specialists provide weekly instruction to build gross motor skills and abilities for activities such as basketball, tennis, square dancing, foursquare, kickball, hula hooping, frisbee, and hockey. • Classroom teachers also provide weekly P.E instruction. • Kindergartners engage in motor fitness activities to develop gross motor coordination skills.
Media 	• K-5 students receive weekly instruction in the library by credentialed teacher librarians. • This program aims to foster a love for reading and develop digital and information literacy through standards-based instruction for library and technology skills. • Students are taught within a "closed garden" setting Google Apps for Education, coding, design, research skills, digital citizenship, and use of a variety of other digital tools designed to support academic and personal pursuits.
Music 	• Students in grades 1-5 receive weekly instruction for music standards from music specialists that include singing, playing instruments (ie: recorders, glockenspiels), learning music theory, dance/movement, and participate in seasonal performances. • Music and movement are embedded in daily Kindergarten class instruction.

AUSD core curricula are taught at all elementary school sites and designed to support learning for Common Core State Standards. Teachers also use a variety of supplemental materials and programs to support core instruction. Parent guides for CCSS provide details for each grade level and how parents can help. This information and the embedded links can be accessed from the AUSD website: Departments -> Teaching and Learning -> Curriculum. 9.10.19