

District Curriculum Instructional Materials for Curriculum Writing

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Numeracy Problem Strings	K-5	C&I	Pam Harris	"As a coach, these books provide teachers with tangible strategies and teacher moves to use right away in their classrooms. Numeracy Problem Strings gives teachers the supports they need beyond my coaching and PD sessions to actually put the ideas into practice. There are enough problems to last the whole year! This could easily be a core resource for teachers that lives open on their desk, not on their bookshelf."	"This book is a time-saver. From well-crafted strings to showcase thinking, to ways to question, display my board and create an anchor chart, this book takes the task of teaching math strategies and breaks it down meaningfully in an easy to use format. As a veteran elementary math teacher, I am excited to have a resource that helps me teach students how to think instead of what to think."
Problem Strings for Fluency and Beyond	K-5	C&I	Catherine Fostnot	Problem strings consist of carefully crafted sequences of related math problems that help students develop robust mathematical reasoning. More tightly crafted than number talks to rely on more than just talk, they are designed to ensure fluency and progressive mathematical development.	As a Special Education teacher, I found these many lessons to be very effective for my students with persistent deficits in the acquisition of basic addition and subtraction factors. Great for all ages of students, including middle school.
Typing.com	K-12	C&I	Typing.com only approved typing from TEA	All content has been designed specifically for Proclamation 2024.	
Step Up to the TEKS	2-6	C&I	GF Educators	All Step Up to the TEKS reading and writing products are written to address the specificity of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Careful consideration has been given to the verbs, concepts, and implementation methods outlined within each TEKS. The vertical alignment has been incorporated to ensure all materials meet the level of difficulty and rigor specified for each grade level. A Texas-based company, GF Educators takes pride in the fact that we have solely produced materials written by and for Texas teachers for more than 30 years	
Math Shakers, Rolling into Math,	K-8	C&I	Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks	Okay, let me tell you about an AMAZING resource called Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks created by Jane Felling and John Felling. Last year, before COVID-19 my colleague and I went to a workshop called Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks. This workshop was the most high energy and exciting workshop I have been to. I have never been more engaged with math and learning how to teach it. The whole concept revolves around games and how to reinforce concepts through playing games with dice, cards and dice shakers.	

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Magma Math	K-12	C&I	Magma Math	There are so many amazing features to Magma Math. It is the best tool for formative assessment that I have used. The immediate feedback is so beneficial as students are learning math content. Students are encouraged to show their work and their thinking. It provides the teacher with lots of great feedback so lessons can be adjusted to students needs. There are so many great math questions already included that are split into levels. The part I love most is that I can personalize any of the assessment by entering my own questions so I am never limited. Magma math is not another curriculum it is a supplement that fits nicely into any classroom with lots of benefits for both the students and the teachers.	https://www.magmamath.com/post/how-magma-math-can-facilitate-productive-mathematical-discourse
Math and Science Cut Ups	K-12	C&I	Math and Science Cut Ups		
Evermap - AutoSplit Pro Plug-in	K-12	C&I	Evermap - Adobe Partner	This tool helps us to create individual student files for MAP Family Guide Report to upload into Skyward.	
History Alive	K-12	C&I			
MeterHero by STEMhero	11-12	C&I	STEMhero	MeterHero is all about real data and real action. Teachers use MeterHero as a curriculum enhancement for High School AP Environmental Science. Teachers implement MeterHero over a total of 3-5 weeks during which students predict and analyze their own real utility data, learning about and implementing conservation strategies for their own home and school, then sharing out their data-driven results with their community.	https://drive.google.com/file/d/14nVOQ-sxPTT04R2T1-C6DbnK92AbRpns/view?usp=sharing
The Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Newest Edition	K-12	C&I	Merriam-Webster Inc.	A revised and updated edition of the best-selling dictionary covering core vocabulary with over a hundred new entries and senses. More than 75,000 definitions and 8,000 usage examples aid understanding—and cover the words you need today. Includes pronunciations, word origins, and synonym lists. Features useful tables and special sections on Foreign Words & Phrases and Geographical Names. New words include: athleisure, coronavirus, escape room, First Gentleman, herd immunity, hygge, on-brand, outro, patient zero, petrichor, PPE, telehealth, unmute, UX, and YouTuber.	

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Newsies Jr	7-8	CMS - Kirsten Wagner	Music Theatre International	<p>Disney's Newsies JR. is a 60-minute version of the 2012 Broadway musical, based on the 1992 film. Inspired by the rousing true story of newsboys in turn-of-the-century New York City, Newsies JR. features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein.</p> <p>When powerful newspaper publishers raise prices at the newsboys' expense, the charismatic Jack Kelly rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions. Together, the newsies learn that they are stronger united and create a movement to fight for what's right.</p> <p>Including the now-classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe," Newsies JR. is a timeless story full of spirit and heart.</p>	<p>"It's a fun musical for students to be playing kids the same age and there's not a ton of shows like that. They are filling the roles very naturally, and they're very much connect to their roles, to the David and Goliath aspect of the show. It's very empowering and uplifting. It's important that they feel the story they're telling is helping them grow as people," Grant said. "I've enjoyed seeing them succeed. It's a hard show and it's known for its dancing, and they have to be singing and acting at the same time. It's been fun seeing them overcome the challenges to succeed."</p>
The Amazing Lemonade Girl	7-8	CMS	James Divita - Dramatic Publishing	<p>Meet Alexandra Flynn Scott. Alex has a story to tell—about her life and her legacy, her humor and her heart. She is an 8-year-old girl who is fiercely determined to make a difference and help others despite the challenges she faces amidst her own cancer journey. This true story reminds us all that a single person can change the world—one act, or even one cup, at a time.</p>	<p>"Stirring, emotional and fearlessly tackling tough subjects." —Ozaukee Living Local</p> <p>"This play will break your heart, but you must let it, because we think we already know the story of Alexandra Flynn Scott and we think it's all bad, but that isn't true." — Ozaukee Living Local</p> <p>"Weaves a discrete yet powerful metaphor from the show's beginning until the very last moments." —onStage Pittsburgh</p> <p>"Explains cancer in an approachable, understandable manner that never evokes a sense of fear or morbidity." — onStage Pittsburgh</p>
101 Dalmatians Kids	7-8	CMS	Music Theatre International	<p>Based on the classic animated film, Disney's 101 Dalmatians KIDS is a fur-raising adventure featuring Cruella De Vil, Disney's most outrageous villain, and 101 of the most adorable heroes to set their paws onstage. With a high-spirited score and lovable characters, this stage adaptation is certain to charm and delight all audiences.</p> <p>Pet owners, Roger and Anita, live happily in London with their Dalmatians, Pongo and Perdita, stalwart dogs devoted to raising their puppies. Everything is quiet until Anita's former classmate, the monstrous Cruella De Vil, plots to steal the puppies for her new fur coat. The Dalmatians rally all the dogs of London for a daring rescue of the puppies from Cruella and her bumbling henchmen.</p> <p>The show's adorable spotted dogs and larger-than-life villainess provide ample opportunities for creative costuming. With a highly expandable chorus, your stage could easily be filled with 101 budding performers.</p>	<p>"The production is incredibly family friendly It is very wholesome with a lot of silly humour and sweet interactions between the characters."</p>

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Quill.org	5/6	DIS	Quill (free literacy tool powered by an open source, non-profit community of educators and developers.)	"I was blown away by the individual feedback that each student was provided. There is no way I could provide this kind of timely, individualized feedback to so many students. I'm also impressed that the feedback is much more than just grammar or punctuation feedback; instead, the feedback relates directly to the thinking and content of what the students read. I've been teaching for 30 years, and I've never seen anything that provides as much promise and potential for improving my students' thinking, reading, and writing."	"I have used Quill.org with a variety of grade levels at various schools (across different states), and I have found it to be an excellent supplemental resource. There are many resources available for free, so the price is RIGHT. While budget constraints are likely a reality for many teachers, the best part of Quill is not the price. (Can you believe it?) The opportunity to assign a wide variety of feedback to increase/decrease difficulty, frequency, and duration of practice is awesome. (It's one of the very few opportunities I have to assign something that I didn't have to make from scratch.) Additionally, the emphasis on clarity and precision in writing is wonderful. It's amazing how many students find themselves shocked when Quill requires writing that is accurately punctuated and includes consistent verb tense and correct spelling. "
Algebra Readiness Builders 5th and 6th grade	5th-6th	DIS	Algebra Readiness Educators	OMG!!! Been teaching math for 13 years. This book helped me grow my students to 75% mastery on state scoring (5 levels: advanced, mastery, basic, approachin basic, and unsatisfactory. The other 25% scored basic. It IS WORTH \$60!!!!!!! I tried to upload a video we made that the students use with the pages but I guess it was too big of a file. Parents like this system too! Get the book!!!	This book really does help my students improve their number sense as well as cuts time on side lessons. I use a section as a warm-up then work my way up to using a full sheet per day.

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Engineering Curriculum	9-12	CHS/CSHS / CTE	Project Lead the Way	Previously approved in 2017, been on PLTW grant, expired and vendor is not on newest curriculum list	
AP Cybersecurity Curriculum	9-12	CHS/CSHS / CTE	Paradigm Cyber	Collage Board endorsed provider	
Cisco Network Academy	9-12	CHS/CSHS / CTE	Cisco	Collage Board endorsed provider Privacy Info	
Cyber.org	9-12	CHS/CSHS / CTE	Cyber.org	Collage Board endorsed provider	