

Curriculum/Technology/Student Service Committee Meeting

Upper Merion Area School District
March 16, 2026



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Agenda

- ❑ **K-6 ELA materials recommendation and initial implementation plan**
- ❑ **UMAHS Program of Study Recommendations (Special Education Courses)**



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English Language Arts recommendation, K-6

- At the conclusion of our K-6 ELA pilot, 97% of the 41 teachers participating in the pilot recommended: HMH *Into Reading* (K-5) and *Into Literature* (6)
- Feb 23, 2026 – Recommendation made at Finance meeting
- May 19, 2026 – “Launch” by HMH for our K-6 ELA teachers
- July 2026 – Materials arrive to each school



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Teachers Professional Development

Timeline:

May 19, 2026 - Launch, 6 hours for all K-6 ELA teachers

- K-1 group, 2-3 group, 4-5 group, 6 group (4 classrooms)

Summer flex hours will be approved for grade-level teachers regarding Into Reading (K-5) and Into Literature (6)

Aug 26, 2026 - Starting the school year, 3 hrs

Nov 3, 2026 - Implementation for Nov-Jan, 3 hrs

Feb 11, 2027 - Implementation for Feb-May, 3 hrs

May 18, 2027 - Reflections and adjustments for 27-28, 3 hrs



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Principal Professional Development

- **Principals have access to:**
 - Leader Success session with HMH - Aug 2026
 - Leader's Corner (HMH support for administrators)
 - “Look For” tools, specific to HMH *Into Reading* (K-5) and *Into Literature* (6) to support instruction



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Ongoing Professional Supports

HMH provides:

- **Ed, Your Partner in Learning**
 - Asynchronous teacher success pathways
 - e.g., 60 min for “The First Two Weeks”
- **Teacher’s Corner**
 - Live events provided over summer and evenings
- **Coachly**
 - 1-yr unlimited membership for 30 min Zoom meetings
 - Will be provided for our instructional literacy coaches

Upper Merion provides: Our K-4, 5-6 Literacy Coaches



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Implementation Supports

Teacher support: Ed, Your Partner in Learning, Teacher's Corner

Instructional Coaches support: Coachly

Principals support: Leader's Corner

District Leaders support: Monthly calls with an implementation manager, including goal-setting for the district

- Survey of teachers in Oct, Jan to identify needs



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Communication

- **Teachers**

- Comprehensive implementation plan will be shared this Spring
- Pacing and unit assessments will be collaboratively developed
 - 9 units in K
 - 12 units in Gr 1-5
 - 6 units in Gr 6

- **Families**

- Video regarding the selected program to families this Spring, updated for Back to School Night in Sept 2026



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Additional HMH Components

- **NWEA-Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)**
 - Fall, Winter (optional), Spring assessments
- **English 3D** – for English Learners
 - Includes Professional Development for ESL teachers
- **A ira** – K-5 articulation and fluency (AI tool*)
- **Writable** – 3-6 writing and grammar (AI tool*)
- **Notice & Note** – Literary analysis structures

*AI information is confined to the HMH ecosystem



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Into Rdg

- lesson plans for a sub?
- relevant, achievement, etc.
- concise planning

HMH Into Reading at UMASD

Dr. Andrew Kuttel

Director of Curriculum & Instruction

- all inclusive, actually to read
- grammar & phonics are integrated
- literature is great - fiction, non-fiction
- vertical alignment
- phonics is...



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UMAHS Program of Study - Recommendations

- The Office of Student Services and UMAHS Administration has been reviewing Special Education Courses offered
 - Clarifying information about Special Education courses, sequence of courses, and specific content within a course
 - Algebra Concepts 1A and 1B are the start of this process
 - Algebra Concepts 1A will be implemented with eligible 9th graders for the 26-27 school year



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