

Adoption of English Language Arts Curriculum (Amplify K-8)

Board of Education

Monday, April 27th, 2026



Purpose

- Establishes a coherent, consistent literacy system across K–8
- Align to the science of reading with a vertically connected approach
- Builds foundational skills: decoding, fluency, knowledge, and comprehension through CKLA (K-5)
- Extend learning through complex texts, critical thinking, and analytical writing through Amplify ELA (6-8)
- Ensure all students access rigorous, standards-aligned instruction regardless of school or classroom
- Reduces instructional variability and strengthen teacher support
- Enable progress monitoring through aligned, curriculum-embedded assessments
- Strengthens systemwide instructional alignment and improves the district's ability to measure and advance student learning over time



Lawrence Public Schools

26-27 Teaching and Learning Enhancements

- Coherent Systems and Consistent Learning Experiences
 - Guaranteed, Viable Curriculum
 - Implementation of High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM)
 - Balanced Assessment





CKLA (K-5)

Opportunity: Amplify CKLA (K-5)

2021-2022	K-5 ELA Curriculum Review and Pilot: Benchmark 2.0 and Amplify CKLA
Spring 2022	Pilot teams completed vetting rubric and recommended Amplify CKLA
	District Administration considered this recommendation along with other factors and ultimately took Benchmark 2.0 to the board for approval
Summer/Fall 2022	Benchmark 2.0 professional development initiated for principals and teachers
Spring 2026	Selection of Amplify ELA at middle school (aligned with Amplify CKLA K-5)
	Investigation into CKLA to compliment Amplify ELA for K-8 ELA alignment
	Recommendation to Board for K-8 CKLA/Amplify ELA adoption



ESSA Tier 1: Amplify CKLA (K-5)



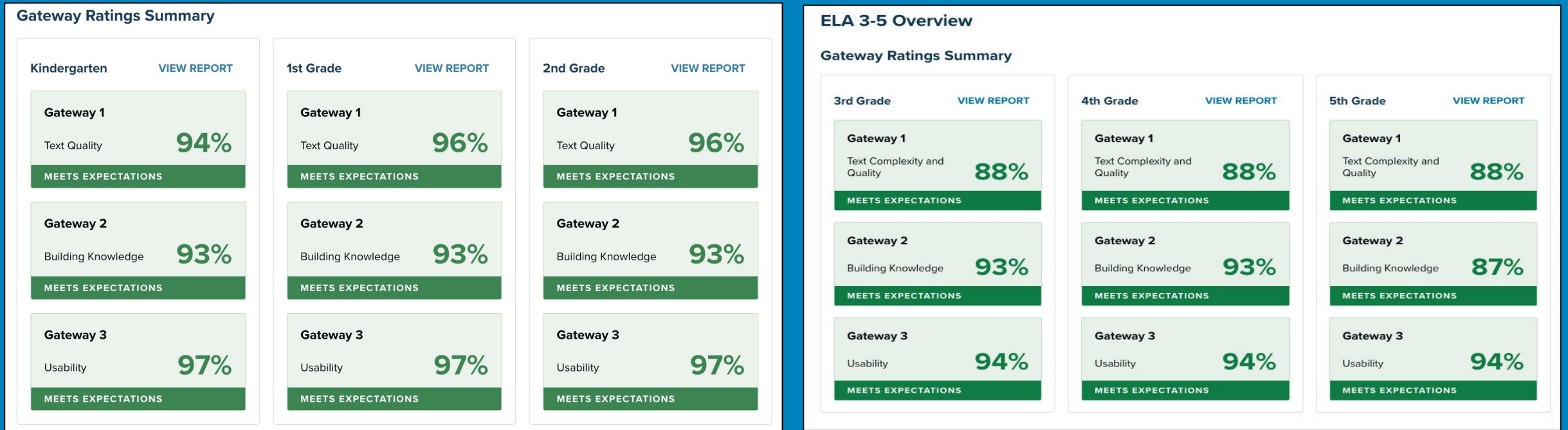
STRONG EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS UNDER ESSA IS DEFINED AS

- Meets WWC Standards ***Without Reservations*** under version 2.1 or later to meet Tier 1
- Statistically significant positive effect to meet Tier 1
- At least 350 students to meet Tier 1
- At least two educational sites to meet Tier 1

Meets WWC Standards ***Without Reservations*** in most cases means that a study was a randomized controlled trial (RCT) that was deemed by experts to be well-designed and well-implemented and that did not have problems with attrition (that is, participants dropping out or otherwise leaving the study).



EdReports: Amplify CKLA (K-5)



CKLA (K-5): Rated “Meets Expectations” across all gateways. In addition, CKLA Skills (K-2) received an **all-green rating from EdReports, the highest possible designation and the only program to earn all-green in the foundational skills category at the time of review**, indicating it meets expectations in every area of EdReports’ rigorous, educator-led review process.





Amplify ELA (6-8)

Review Process, Data Collection, and Feedback

- **Initially Reviewed and Vetted** through EdReports and What Works Clearinghouse (Institute of Education Sciences)
- **Curriculum Implementation Data** collected from classroom observations
- **LPS ELA Curriculum Vetting Rubric** feedback collaboratively completed by field test teachers
- **Student Feedback** collected from student interviews
- **Recommendation Committee Feedback** following their review of above feedback, supporting research/evidence and system analysis

Middle School ELA Curriculum Field Testing

Fall 2024	Middle School ELA Curriculum Review: standards alignment, CSRC, review of current resources and practices, gap analysis	MS ELA Leadership Team
	Review of available resources and supporting evidence of quality	
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Fall 2025	Final resource selection for field testing: MyPerspectives (Savvas) and Amplify ELA	
	Training for selected resources for field testing, MyPerspectives & Amplify ELA	
	Informal exploration of field testing resources	
Spring 2026	Official field testing of both selected resources	LMCMS: Amplify ELA
	Onsite and virtual implementation support of both resources	
	Field testing data collection: rubric completion, observations, student and teacher feedback	BMMS: MyPerspectives
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Additional investigation and review by T&L Team



Middle School ELA Curriculum Field Testing


Additional Investigation and Review

System Alignment:

- Do curriculum resources offer opportunities for vertical alignment?
- Are quality, aligned intervention/supplementary resources embedded in curriculum resource(s)?

Maximizing ROI:

- Does implementation reduce the need for current supplemental resources resulting in a cost savings opportunity?
- Are there opportunities for cost savings through resource bundling (i.e. bundling 6-8 with K-5)?



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Comparison of Curriculum

Based on ELA Vetting Rubric Ratings


Curriculum Element	MyPerspectives (Savvas)	Amplify ELA (Amplify)
Cultural Responsiveness	Observed	Observed
Standards Alignment	Observed	Observed
Instructional Routines	Observed	Observed
Science of Reading	Observed	Observed
Student Output	Observed	Observed
Educator Supports	Observed	Observed
Technology and Materials	Observed	Observed

Observed = Element present and strong



Comparison of Curriculum

Based on Additional Vetting Factors

Factor	MyPerspectives (Savvas)	Amplify ELA (Amplify)	Implication/Conclusion
Vertical Alignment Option PreK-8	No	Yes	K-8 vertical alignment is a higher priority, the K=5 resource is CKLA and was the first choice for elementary in 2022
Vertical Alignment Option 6-12	Yes	No	9-12 ELA will engage in the curriculum review process next year
Aligned Intervention/ Supplemental Resources	Yes	Yes	Amplify CKLA (Elem) and Amplify ELA (MS) provide an embedded intervention toolkit and robust supplementary resource
Stakeholder Access and Communication Structures	No	Yes	The recommendation committee identified clear and accessible stakeholder information along with strong communication structures in the Amplify platform
Intuitive Assessment Suite	No	Yes	The embedded assessment suite in Amplify CKLA and Amplify ELA provide both math and reading screeners and assessments. Results are intuitive and provide next steps when needed.
Need for Supplemental Resource Purchases 	Yes	No	Adoption of CKLA/Amplify ELA allows the district to remove multiple supplemental resources realizing a cost savings and a decrease in workload for teachers

EdReports: Amplify ELA (6-8)

Amplify ELA (6-8): Rated **“Meets Expectations”** overall, demonstrating strong alignment to standards with an emphasis on complex texts, knowledge-building, and writing.

Report Overview

Ratings Snapshot

	6	7	8
Gateway 1	●	●	●
Gateway 2	●	●	●
Gateway 3	●	●	●

Key: ● Meets Expectations ● Partially Meets Expectations ● Does Not Meet Expectations NE Not Eligible NC Not Claimed

ELA 6-8 Overview

Gateway Ratings Summary

6th Grade

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Gateway 1

Text Quality **100%**

MEETS EXPECTATIONS

Gateway 2

Building Knowledge **100%**

MEETS EXPECTATIONS

Gateway 3

Usability **100%**

MEETS EXPECTATIONS

7th Grade

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Gateway 1

Text Quality **100%**

MEETS EXPECTATIONS

Gateway 2

Building Knowledge **100%**

MEETS EXPECTATIONS

Gateway 3

Usability **100%**

MEETS EXPECTATIONS

8th Grade

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Gateway 1

Text Quality **100%**

MEETS EXPECTATIONS

Gateway 2

Building Knowledge **100%**

MEETS EXPECTATIONS

Gateway 3

Usability **100%**

MEETS EXPECTATIONS



LPS Teacher Quotes

“CKLA includes built-in scaffolds and structured routines for phonemic awareness, decoding, and vocabulary. This reduces the need for teachers to supplement with additional phonics resources and spend more time focusing on core instruction.”

“CKLA provides a clear, structured phonics scope and sequence and is intentionally designed around the Science of Reading.”

“The amount of time spent planning, grading, and assessing has decreased significantly with the implementation of Amplify ELA.”

“We have documented student growth with Amplify ELA, especially in terms of writing; identifying evidence within the text and increased comfort level in academic discussion of text.”



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Welcome, Amplify CKLA families!

We're excited to welcome you and your student to the Amplify CKLA program for the new school year. We've assembled the following resources and guides to ensure your student has the most rewarding experience with our platform, and to help you support them throughout the year.

Para la versión en español, haga clic [aquí](#).



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Recommendation for Amplify ELA/CKLA

Amplify ELA (6-8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher Blended Package (6yr license 2026-2032) 	\$259,058.00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Blended Package (4yr license 2026-2030) 	
Amplify CKLA (K-5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CKLA 3rd Edition Complete Teacher License and Classroom Kit (6yr 2026-2032) 	\$903,640.00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CKLA 3rd Edition Student License and Student Consumables (4yr 2026-2030) 	
Total Discount		\$823,903.18
Total Cost		\$1,162,698.00



Recommendation for Amplify ELA/CKLA Curriculum-based Professional Learning

Amplify ELA/CKLA (K-8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amplify CKLA 3rd Edition K-8 Building Leadership Training	\$140,900.00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amplify CKLA 3rd Edition K-8 General Education/SpEd/Title Teacher Initial Training and strength training throughout the year	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amplify CKLA 3rd Edition K-8 On-site Coaching (3 days)	



Recommendation for Curriculum-Based Professional Learning

Phase One: May 2026

- Building Leaders
- Teacher Leaders

Phase Two: August 2026

- All K-5 teachers are trained
- All 6-8 ELA teachers are trained
- All K-8 SpEd, Title, & ESOL staff are trained

Phase Three: 2026-27

- Training of trainers to build capacity
- Guided Implementation walks
- Training for new staff (ongoing)

Phase Four: 2027 and beyond

- Teacher leaders and trainers established
- Sustainable structure for ongoing, in-district professional learning



Supplemental Resource Elimination

Current Supplemental Resource	Purpose	Embedded in Amplify	Expense(s)	Yearly Cost Savings
Heggerty	Phonemic Awareness	Yes	Inconsistent PD cost and materials/printing	\$10,000
UFLI	Phonics Instruction	Yes	Inconsistent PD cost and materials/printing	
Handwriting Without Tears	Fluent Handwriting	Yes	Materials and training	\$68,123
IXL	Foundational Reading/Writing	Yes	Materials/Licenses and training	\$37,000
RAZ Plus	Foundational Reading	Yes	Digital Licenses	\$7,100

