English/Language Arts

Updates and Course of Study Approvals

November 5, 2026

Goal of Presentation



Share updates on Elementary Writing



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Agenda



Background/Overview

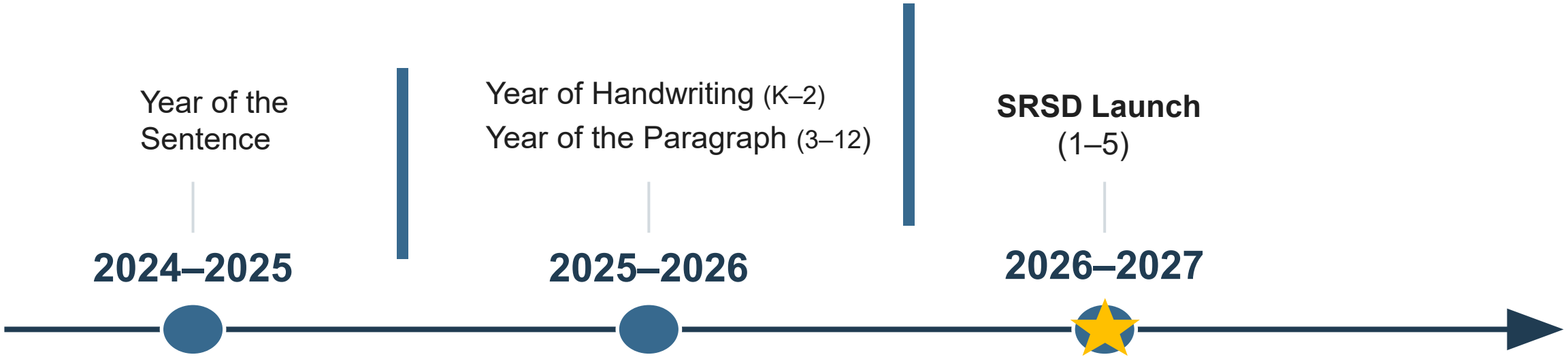


Curriculum Implementation



Next Steps

Background & Overview



Elementary

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RELA Curriculum Pacing Guide

Trimester 1

Week	Dates	Kindergarten		Grade 1			Grade 2			Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5	
		RH	MV	RH	MV	SRSD	RH	MV	SRSD	MV	SRSD	MV	SRSD	MV	SRSD
1	Sept 1-8	Non-Instructional													
2	Sept 9-15	Non-Instructional		Lessons 1-37	Unit 1	Sent. Level /Handwriting	Lessons 7-33 (Expedited) Lessons 1-35 (Grade 2)	Unit 1	Informational Genre	Unit 1	Informational Genre	Unit 1	Informational Genre	Unit 1	Informational Genre
3	Sept 16-23	Lessons 1-29	Unit 1												
4	Sept 24-30														
5	Oct 1-Oct 7														
6	Oct 8-14														
7	Oct 15-21														
8	Oct 22-28														
9	Oct 29–Nov 5														
10	Nov 6-12	Lessons 30-35	Unit 2		Unit 2	Informational Genre		Unit 2		Unit 2		Unit 2		Unit 2	
11	Nov 13-19														
12	Nov 20-Dec 1														

Trimester 2

Week	Dates	Kindergarten		Grade 1			Grade 2			Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5	
		RH	MV	RH	MV	SRSD	RH	MV	SRSD	MV	SRSD	MV	SRSD	MV	SRSD
1	Dec 2-8	Lessons 36-45	Unit 2	Lessons 38-82	Unit 2	Informational Genre	Lessons 34-70 (Expedited) Lessons 36-68 (Grade 2)	Unit 2				Unit 2		Unit 3	
2	Dec 9-15							Unit 3	Opinion Genre	Unit 3	Narrative Genre		Narrative Genre		Opinion Genre
3	Dec 16-Dec 23											Unit 3		Unit 4	
4	Jan 4-8							Unit 4		Unit 4					
5	Jan 11-15	Lessons 46-68	Unit 3		Unit 3	Opinion Genre									
6	Jan 19-25														
7	Jan 26 – Feb 1														
8	Feb 2-Feb 8														
9	Feb 9-17														
10	Feb 18-24														
11	Feb 25-Mar 3														
12	Mar 4-11		Unit 4		Unit 4							Unit 4			

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155 Minute RELA Block Components — Fourth Grade

Whole Group	**Word Study and Spelling Strategies *(15 minutes)***
	◦ Word Study ◦ Spelling
	Language Comprehension *(50 minutes)*
	◦ Read Aloud ◦ Building Background Knowledge ◦ Vocabulary ◦ Shared Reading ◦ Close Read ◦ Check for Understanding
	Composition *(45 minutes)*
	◦ Sentence Level Activities ◦ Language and Conventions ◦ Writing Instruction
Small Group	**Teacher-led Small-Group Instruction *(15 minutes)***
	◦ Flexible small groups based on daily Tier 1 instruction ◦ Book Club Books/Other Grade Level Texts ◦ Independent Reading and Writing
WIN	**Tiered Instruction *(30 minutes)***
	◦ Small group, targeted skill instruction based on data

Research indicates that reading, writing, speaking, and listening are interconnected processes that should be taught together. This document provides suggested time frames for each component. The minutes allocated for each component may vary daily.

Elementary Writing Update

SRSD	Definition
Self-Regulated Strategy Development	An instructional approach designed to help students develop **writing strategies** and **self-regulation skills**

Elementary Writing Update

SRSD

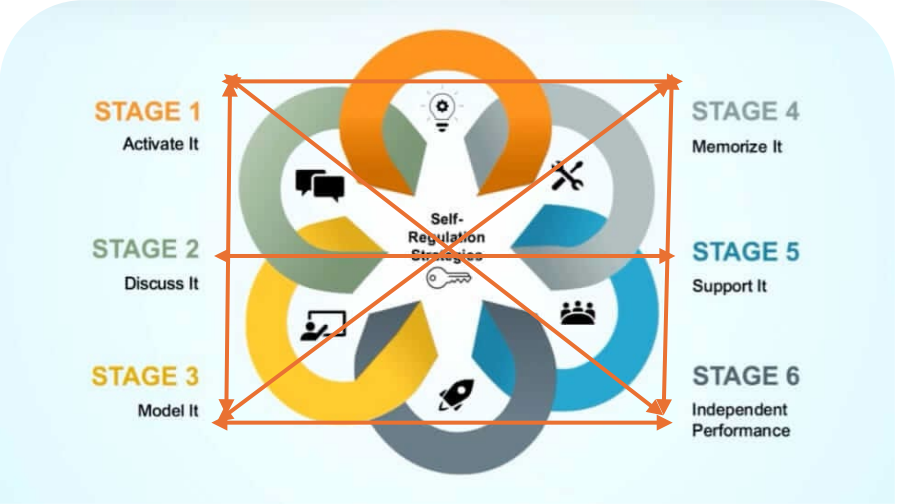
Self-Regulated Strategy Development

Stages

I DO

I DO
WE DO

I DO
WE DO



YOU DO

WE DO
YOU DO

YOUDO

Writing Update

SRSD ♥

Self-Regulated Strategy Development



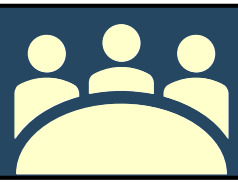
Highest-impact, research-based writing frameworks



Integrates with reading curriculum



Supports teacher leadership: *Train the Trainer*



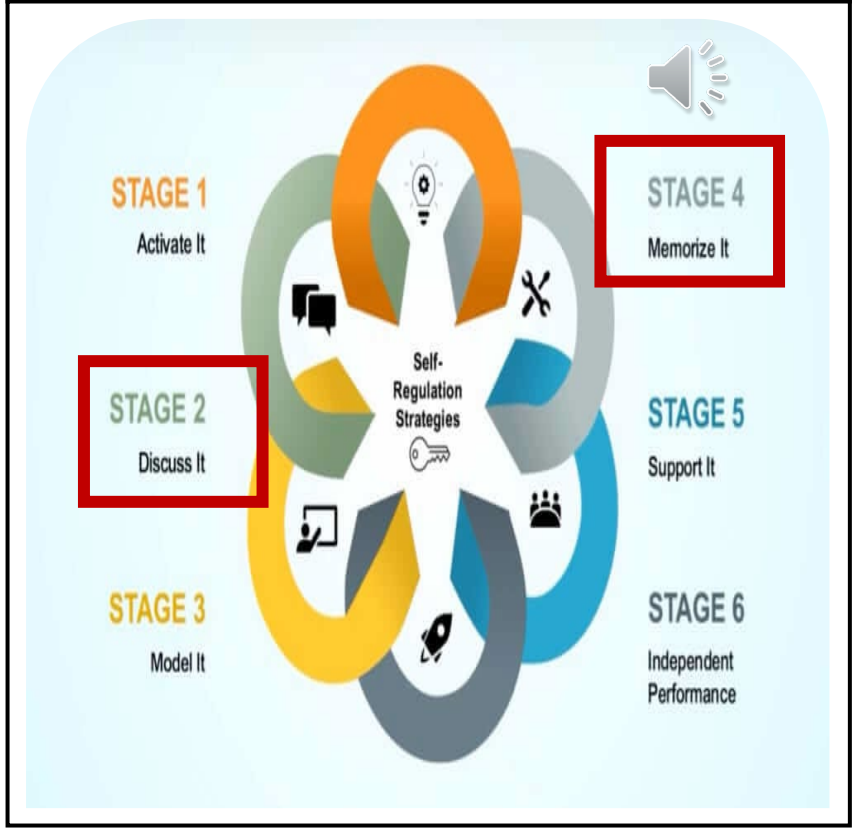
Establishes a Common Language



Supports All Learners

Elementary Writing Update

SRSD



In Action

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Strategy Chart for Powerful Writing

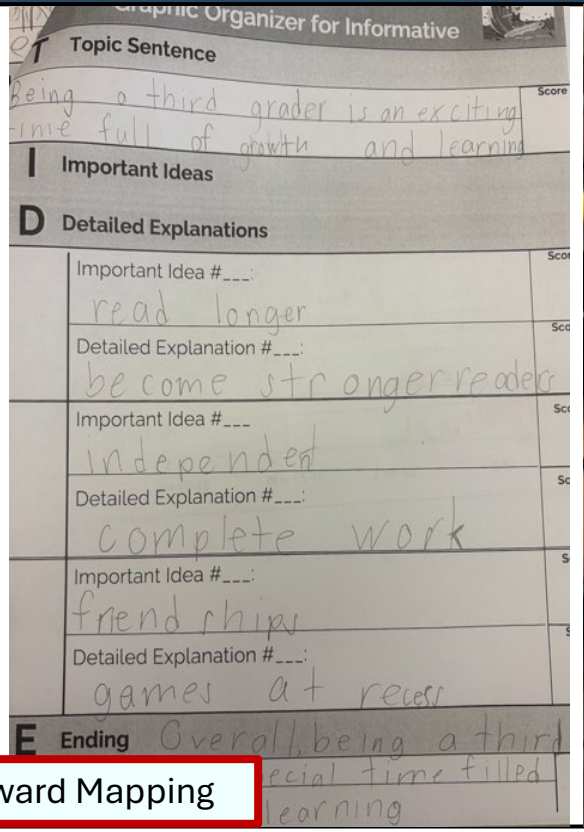
P Pick my idea or Pick apart the prompt

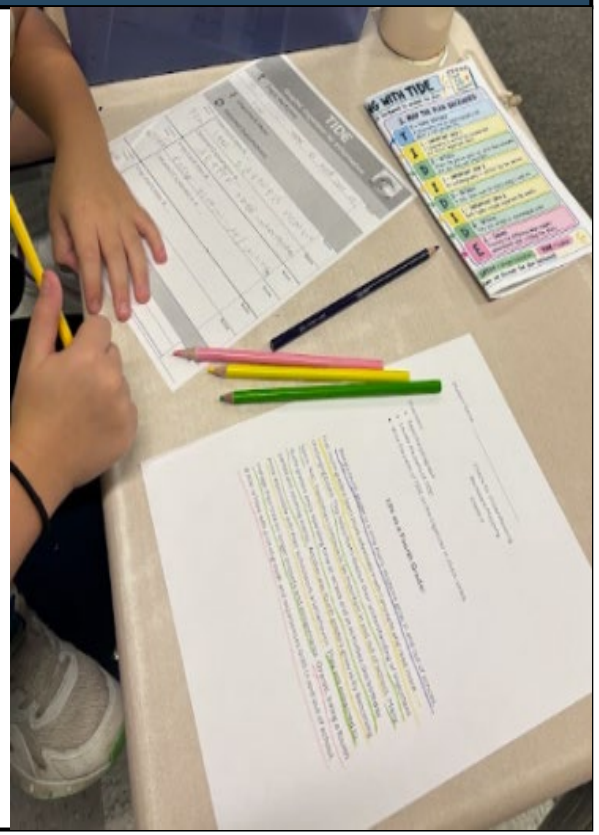
O Organize my notes

W Write and say more

r revise

e edit





STAGE 2: Backward Mapping

Thank You!



> Writing deserves long-term developmental support.
>
> *Karen Harris*

Goal of Presentation



Share updates on AP Seminar



5 minutes

Background

AP Seminar

Build college-ready research, argument, collaboration, communication, and presentation skills

Spring 2026	Summer 2026	2026-27 School Year	Summer 2027	2027-28 School Year
Established Interest	Trained Lead Teacher	Course Development	Train all Teachers teaching the course	

Background

AP Capstone Diploma	
AP Seminar 2027-2028	**AP Research** 2028-2029
Four additional AP courses *Must score at least a 3 on the exam*	

Course Description

Program of Studies

(18 weeks, 1 credit) – Spring semester only
Grades 10-12

AP Seminar is an engaging, interdisciplinary course that challenges students to explore complex real-world issues and questions from multiple perspectives. Through collaborative discussions, research, essays, presentations, and team projects, students learn to evaluate information, analyze diverse viewpoints, and develop evidence-based arguments. A prominent public speaking component gives students regular opportunities to present, communicate, and defend their ideas before an audience. Students build the critical thinking, communication, and academic research skills needed for success in college and beyond while exploring topics that connect across disciplines. **Students will be provided with a list of required assignments that will prepare students for AP Seminar. These assignments must be completed prior to the first day of class. Students taking this course should plan to take the Advanced Placement Seminar Test given in May. For students interested in pursuing AP Capstone diploma, AP Seminar prepares students for AP Research and advanced independent inquiry. The district plans to offer AP Research in the 2028-2029 school year.**

NOTE: AP Seminar will count as Elective credit (not an English credit).

Budget

	Description	Cost	
Summer 2026	*Initial Training with one teacher*	Breakdown: $799 (tuition) $3,250 (5 days)	Total: $4,049
Summer 2027	*Adoption with 5 additional teachers trained*	$3995 (tuition)* $16,250 (5 days)	Total: $20, 245

**tuition may be waived*

Next Steps

🎯 AP Seminar

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Goal of Presentation



Share the updated courses of study in ELA



15 minutes

Agenda



Background/Overview



Course Overviews



Budget



Next Steps

Background & Overview



SECONDARY

Teacher Leaders

Grade 11	Grade 12	AP Language & Composition	AP Literature	AP Seminar
Colleen Rosini Alysa Teske	Kimberly Klauder Melody Mullis*	Kelsey Hughes Will Melvin	Tricia Conn	John Crea*

*COORDINATORS

MIDDLE-Unami: Laura Wingerter; Tohickon: Amy Good; Tamanend: Drew Sterner; Lenape: Dawn Rice; Holicong: Michelle Ambrosini

HIGH-CB West: Zach Sibel; CB South: John Crea; CB East: Melody Mullis

Overview – Grade Academic and Honors 11

Units

- **Unit 1:** Introduction to Rhetoric
- **Unit 2:** Developing Rhetorical Analysis
- **Unit 3:** Synthesis of Literary and Rhetorical Analysis

Course Overview

- Enhance close-reading, analytical writing, and precise communication skills
- Analyze essays, speeches, literature, and visual texts for purpose, audience, and tone
- Explore rhetorical appeals, devices, structure, and style
- Build evidence-based analysis and arguments with sound reasoning, support, and citations
- Honors sections add pace and challenge through advanced texts, discussion, and writing

Overview – Grade Academic and Honors 12

Units

- **Unit 1:** Sophisticated Literary Devices
- **Unit 2 :** Literary Frameworks & Perspectives
- **Unit 3:** Text-to-World Connections

Course Overview

- Engage in sophisticated critical thinking and literary analysis for college, career, and civic life
- Explore literature across cultures and periods to understand human experiences
- Analyze literary devices, author choices, perspectives, and point of view
- Strengthen writing, research, discussion, and multimedia presentation using MLA style
- Honors sections add extended reading, research, and analysis

Overview – AP Language & Composition

Units

- Unit 1 – Introduction to Rhetoric and Analysis
- Unit 2 – Argument
- Unit 3 – Synthesis
- Unit 4 – College Essay

Course Overview

- Intensive, college-level course focused on advanced reading, analysis, and composition
- Rigorous rhetorical analysis of complex nonfiction, including visual and quantitative texts
- Evidence-based argumentation using defensible claims, strategic evidence, and sustained commentary
- Synthesis of multiple sources and data into coherent, well-reasoned AP-style writing
- Frequent timed and processed AP essays, quizzes, projects, and required summer reading

Overview – AP Literature

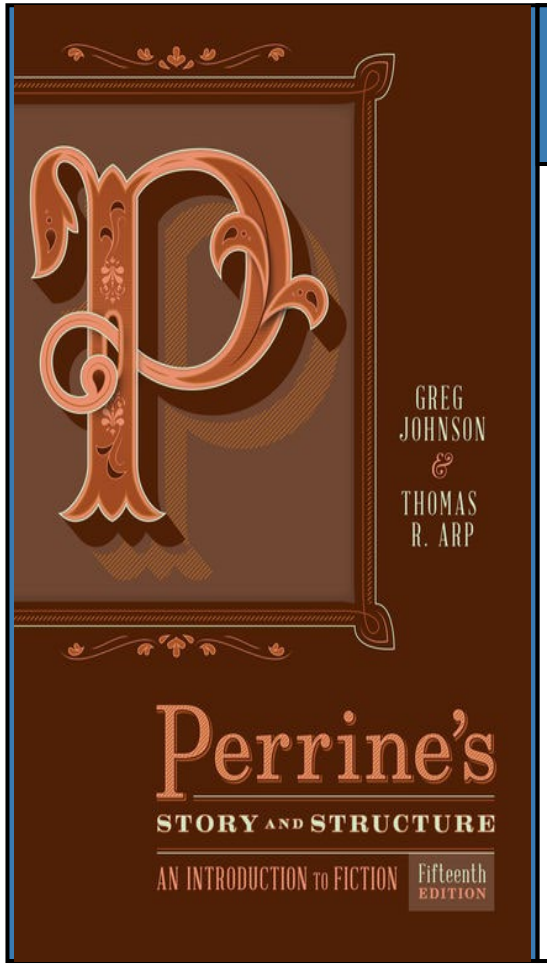
Units

- Unit 1 – Short Fiction 1
- Unit 2 – Poetry 1
- Unit 3 – Longer Fiction or Drama 1
- Unit 4 – Short Fiction 2
- Unit 5 – Poetry 2
- Unit 6 – Longer Fiction or Drama 2
- Unit 7 – Short Fiction 3
- Unit 8 – Poetry 3
- Unit 9 – Longer Fiction or Drama 3

Course Overview

- Advanced college-level course focused on advanced literary reading, analysis, and composition
- Sustained close reading and critical analysis of challenging fiction, poetry, and drama across periods
- Sophisticated analysis of structure, style, theme, figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and context
- Frequent evidence-based analytical and argumentative writing, including AP-style timed responses
- Rigorous AP Classroom practice, assessments, discussion, projects, and required summer reading

Budget



AP Lit Replacement

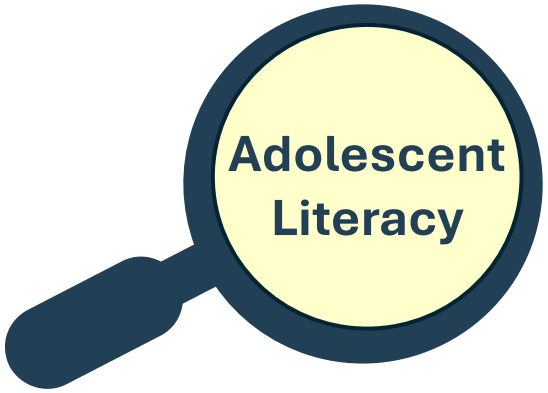
UNIT PRICE × QUANTITY

$154.95 × 105 copies

$16,269.75

ESTIMATED TOTAL

Next Steps



2026-2027

Implement Grade 11, Grade 12, AP Language and Composition, and AP Literature and Composition

2026-2027

Review and Revise Becoming a Better Writer, Debate, Journalism, SAT/ACT Prep

2027-2028

Review and Revise Creative Writing, Intro to Film Studies, Language of Food, Sports Literature, Theater

Goal of Presentation



Seek approval to pilot Membean for Tier Two support for 7th and 8th grade in one of our middle schools



10 Minutes

Agenda



Background



Data



Budget



Next Steps

Background

Adolescent Literacy

Encompasses the skills that must be taught to **all students** so they can meet increasingly challenging reading and writing demands. This means an emphasis on **vocabulary**, **comprehension, text structure, writing, speaking,** and **listening.**

Why focus on VOCABULARY?

- Strengthens students' ability to communicate
- Builds background knowledge and supports new learning
- Increases confidence and engagement
- *Helps close learning gaps before more intensive intervention is needed*

Membean



Why Tier 2 in 7th and 8th grade?

- Builds academic vocabulary
- Calibrates to each student at a productive challenge level
- Adaptively recycles words based on individual memory needs
- Uses multimodal practice and teacher data to improve retention
- Carries progress forward from middle through high school

Membean Data

2025-2026

School	Student Count	Total Training Mins	Total Words Reviewed	Total Questions Answered
CBHS - East	1,109	448,634	242,032	1,219,330
CBHS - South	1,699	602,908	313,525	1,564,604
CBHS - West	1,287	438,446	248,034	1,209,193
Grand Total	**4,095**	**1,489,988**	**803,591**	**3,993,127**

2025-2026

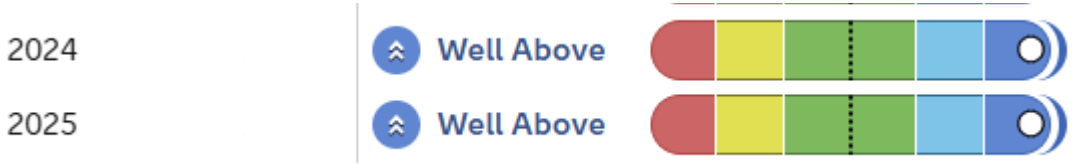
- ✓ 24,833 minutes training on vocabulary
- ✓ 20 minutes per week, per student

Data

ELA Historical Keystone Data



ELA Data Since Onboarding Membean

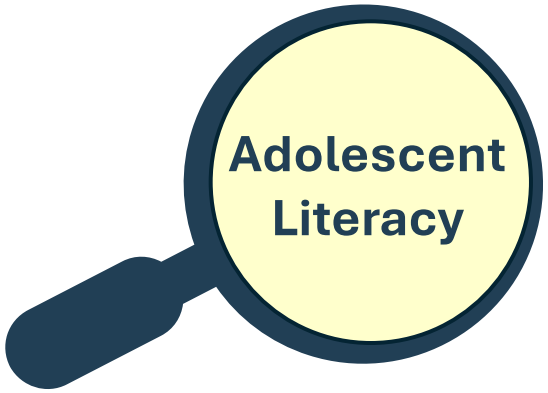


Budget Impact

	Description	Membean Pricing	Grades
24-25	Adoption	$27,378/year = $6.04/student	10-12
27-28	Year 4	**$22,261.50/year* = $4.84/student**	9-11 *plus* 200 MS licenses

*pending 3-year agreement

Next Steps



1. PD for Teachers
2. Pilot & Gather Data
3. Decide whether to seek approval for adoption