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CCSD rolls out new EL curriculum

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Communications

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Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees approved the adoption of the EL Education English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum as the CCSD ELA curriculum for K-8th grade.

Fifty-two schools will utilize the new ELA curriculum which is high-quality, rigorous, content-based literacy instruction with an intentional focus on being an all-encompassing curriculum.

A district task force chose the EL curriculum after a five-month research period. Acceleration Schools began implementing EL modules in August 2021; 10 additional schools started the EL modules in January 2022. In April, all other K-8 schools were given the option to join the pilot, beginning in August 2022.

“We were looking for 15 additional schools, but 33 schools eagerly signed on to begin implementation in August,” said Susan Rawlings, ELA/Literacy Coordinator for CCSD’s Learning Services Division. “During the 2022-2023 school year, 23 out of 34 Elementary School will implement the full ELA curriculum.”

The EL Education ELA curriculum has been shown to increase achievement. A recent study by Mathematica Policy Research found that students in EL Education schools gained an extra seven months of learning growth in reading after three years.

Feedback was sought from both teachers and students and the positive response was overwhelming. One teacher expressed that it was something she wished she had since the beginning of her career.

For more information, contact the Division of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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About the Charleston County School District

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