

**Textbook and Instructional Materials Waiver Request**  
**5.19.26 Morgan County Schools**  
**Curriculum Associates: Magnetic Literacy**  
**ELA Grades K-5**

**Local Education Agency**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>LEA Submission</b>
<p>The LEA's explanation of the unique or unusual needs that necessitate the use of the requested textbooks and/or instructional materials in the waiver application</p>	<p>"Due to the adoption gap years for ELA, Morgan County Schools is requesting a waiver for grades K-5 ELA. Curriculum Associates has released a new ELA curriculum for grades K-5. Morgan County Schools has used Curriculum Associates Ready Math in grades K-8 for approximately a decade. Our universal screener is Curriculum Associates I-Ready for math and reading. Morgan County Schools is requesting this waiver so our Math curriculum, ELA curriculum, and universal screener align. The benefits of this will include our faculty and staff familiarity with the curriculum associates online platforms. Additionally, our universal screener data will correlate with our curriculum. Students will receive data based curriculum aligned instructional remediation opportunities that correlate directly to universal screen results. This will make our RTI and All Corps programs more efficient and impactful for student remediation.</p> <p>Curriculum Associates has delivered excellent professional development opportunities surrounding mathematics surrounding mathematics and we expect the same experience with this ELA curriculum. We have experienced a great deal of teacher turnover in the past few years. Therefore, quality on-going curriculum training is a top priority for our district when seeking a new curriculum. Magnetic Literacy will provide a high level curriculum that is teacher friendly and well organized to ensure teachers are successful at creating learning opportunities for</p>

	<p>all students.</p> <p>Our district hopes to implement Magnetic Literacy to meet our core ELA needs. Magnetic Literacy is not on the existing state approved list because it is a new program available for implementation beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.” - Morgan County Schools</p>
Optional: Evidence of improved student outcomes or materials’ quality	<p>“At the Grades K-2 level, the Foundational Skills instruction strand in Magnetic Literacy fully incorporates Magnetic Reading Foundations, which earned perfect scores on EdReports (<a href="https://edreports.org/reports/overview/magnetic-foundations-2022-2022">https://edreports.org/reports/overview/magnetic-foundations-2022-2022</a>).” - Morgan County Schools</p>

**TN Department of Education**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Staff Review</b>
The extent of the textbook and/or instructional materials’ alignment to Tennessee Academic Standards and, if necessary, the extent to which the LEA’s plan would remediate any areas of misalignment	The content is aligned to teach standards for grades K-5 ELA based on initial and follow-up materials submitted.
How the LEA will address deficiencies identified by the Textbook Commission, if applicable	N/A; The Textbook & Instructional Materials Quality Commission did not review the proposed materials.

**State Board of Education**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Staff Review</b>
The availability of state-approved textbooks and/or instructional materials for the requested subject and course or grade	There are other approved <a href="#">K-5 ELA textbook and instructional materials available</a> for the duration of the extended ELA adoption cycle.
Compliance with applicable state laws (e.g., T.C.A. § 49-6-2206 related to Common Core and T.C.A. § 49-6-1019 related to Prohibited Concepts)	Yes, the materials were in compliance.