

September 1, 2017 MS Math Adoption Webpage Update

At the direction of the Seattle Public Schools School Board, staff and community members are evaluating new math instructional materials for use in grades 6 – 8 starting with the 2018-2019 school year. The adoption committee met five times in the spring of 2017 to define selection criteria and to review materials from different textbook publishers.

In looking at materials, the committee carefully evaluated how well a textual resource covered grade level standards, included materials to both challenge accelerated learners and to provide support for students working to reach grade level mastery, allowed teachers flexibility in how to use the materials, and included resources for families to use in supporting student learning outside of school.

Based on this review, and with feedback from members of our community, the committee recommended two textual resources for further consideration: *EnVision Math 2.0* from Pearson Education, and *Glencoe Math* from McGraw Hill. In keeping with School Board Policy 2015, these two materials will be used in a pilot program in the fall of 2017 in thirteen middle, elementary, and K-8 schools.

The adoption committee and community feedback noted the following attributes of each textual material in the pilot program:

EnVision is well-aligned to standards, has a variety of styles of problems, contains built-in review of key concepts, includes teacher materials that prompt learning in multiple modalities, contains materials that teachers can easily and readily modify to support a wide range of learners and includes examples that are easy to find and utilize. *EnVision* also has strong resources for families to use with students and confirms cultural variations and differences.

Glencoe contains a variety of student tasks, is well aligned to standards, provides both conceptual and procedural problems, has precise definitions and formulas, includes a variety of formats so as to be accessible to a wide variety of learners, is flexible and easily modifiable for teachers and even contains performance tasks at the appropriate depth of rigor. Further, it contains built-in review of key concepts, provides supports for special populations, and confirms cultural variations and differences.

More than 30 teachers will participate in the textbook pilot program, reaching approximately 3,000 students. For the first nine weeks of the school year, their teaching will be based on one of the two curricula listed above. The schools participating in the pilot program are:

Aki Kurose Middle School
Broadview-Thomson K-8
Catherine Blaine Middle School
Eckstein Middle School
Fairmount Park Elementary
Hamilton Middle School
Jane Addams Middle School

Lawton Elementary School
Leschi Elementary
Madison Middle School
Meany Middle School
View Ridge Elementary
Washington Middle School

At the end of the nine-week pilot period, teacher feedback will be reviewed by the adoption committee, community feedback will be gathered, and a final recommendation will be prepared for the school board in December. Community members will have the opportunity to review both the *EnVision* and

Glencoe Math materials at different school locations, and will also be able to hear first-hand feedback from the teachers and students who piloted the programs. The dates and locations for reviewing materials are still to be determined, but will happen no later than October.