Seattle Public Schools (SPS) is looking for people to join the Language Arts 6, 7, 8 Digital Instructional Materials Adoption Committee. This committee will help choose the digital materials used in Language Arts classes for grades 6, 7, and 8. The committee will be made up of SPS staff, families, and community members. We will start working together in September 2023. If the School Board approves, the new materials will be used in the 2024-25 school year.

**Membership for the Language Arts 6, 7, 8 Digital Instructional Materials Adoption Committee**
The Adoption Committee will follow a process approved by the board. We will work together to decide on the best materials to recommend. We will use facts and information gathered during the process, following the rules of Seattle Public Schools Board Policy. Our goal is to have a committee that represents the different perspectives and experiences of SPS students, families, and schools. The committee will include teachers, principals, parents, and community members.

If you become a representative, here are your responsibilities:
- Attend ALL scheduled meetings.
- Review the materials we are considering.
- Share information with your community.
- Speak up for your community’s needs and ideas.

**Adoption Committee Meeting Dates:**
We will have several meetings between September 2023 and February 2024. Saturday meetings will be held at the John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence, and we will also have a virtual meeting on a Wednesday using Teams. Here are the dates for the meetings:

**Stage 1: Initial review and selection for field test:**
- Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- We may have more meetings if needed.

**Stage 2: Final review and selection for recommendation to Superintendent and School Board:**
- Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- We may have more meetings if needed.

**For more information:**
If you want more information about the Language Arts 6, 7, 8 Digital Instructional Materials Adoption Committee, please visit our webpage: [https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/language-arts/2023-24-ela-digital-instructional-materials-adoption/](https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/language-arts/2023-24-ela-digital-instructional-materials-adoption/)

**How to Apply for the Language Arts 6, 7, 8 Digital Materials Adoption Committee**
If you are interested in joining the committee, we want family members and community members who represent the diversity of Seattle Public Schools. We value your insight and perspective about the materials we are reviewing. We need people who are open-minded, care about student learning in Language Arts, and are willing to work together and have meaningful conversations.
Please fill out the application form and submit it to Kathleen Vasquez, the ELA Program Manager. **The application deadline is Friday, June 23.** We will let you know if you are selected by email or phone no later than June 30, 2023.

**Application for FAMILY AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**
Language Arts 6, 7, 8 Digital Instructional Materials Adoption Committee Seattle Public Schools

1. First and Last Name: ____________________________________________________________

2. Email Address: ________________________________________________________________

3. Home or Cell Phone: __________________________________________________________

4. If you have children who attend Seattle Public Schools, please provide the information below.
   School: ____________________Grade Level:_________________ Program:_____________
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   School: ____________________Grade Level: ______________________Program: ____________

5. If you a member of an institution, community, or professional organization please provide the name of your institution or organization: __________________________

6. In an effort to create an adoption committee that represents the diverse perspectives of Seattle Public Schools students and families, please check as many categories as apply.
   - [ ] American Indian or Alaska Native
   - [ ] Asian
   - [ ] Black or African American
   - [ ] Hispanic/Latino
   - [ ] Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
   - [ ] White
   - [ ] Other, please specify: ______________________________________________________
   - [ ] Prefer not to answer

7. If I get chosen for the Language Arts 6, 7, 8 adoption committee, I know that our goal is to pick the best books and resources that will help all students in our district. As a member, I promise to keep an open mind and give fair thought to every option we review (marking this box means you agree). [ ]

8. I know that if I join the Adoption Committee, I have to be available for all the dates they tell me and any extra dates we agree on together (marking this box means you agree). [ ]

All applications must be received by **Friday, June 23, 2023.** Thank you for your interest.

**To complete your application, complete this page and the following page.**

Applications may be
- Completed online through MS Forms
- Saved and emailed to: kavasquez@seattleschools.org
- Printed and mailed to:
  Seattle Public Schools
  Attn: Kathleen Vasquez
  MS-32-156
  PO Box 34156
  Seattle, WA 98124-1165
9. Why do you want to be on the Language Arts 6, 7, 8 Digital Instructional Materials Adoption Committee?

10. What are some important things you would think about when choosing digital instructional materials?

11. Why do you think it's important for everyone to have a fair chance at learning language arts?

12. What past experiences, skills, or qualities do you have that would be helpful for this committee's work?

13. Is there anything else you want us to know about you?