



2024 Brief Form

Curricular Material Adoption Process

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Amplify

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6-8

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English Language Arts/Literacy, 6-8

MATERIAL INFORMATION

Key Features: (Information will be used to describe the material in the Idaho Adoption Guide. Please be concise.)

Amplify ELA was designed to respond to the distinct challenges and opportunities faced by middle school students and teachers. It was conceived to support middle school students at this critical developmental moment.

The program helps teachers ensure that skills are taught, standards are covered, and the test is prepped—and it does this work in the background so that teachers can spend their time bringing the text to life and providing each student the right instruction at the right time.

Amplify ELA provides:

- An engaging digital program with comprehensive print materials, including Teacher Editions, Student Editions, and Writing Journals for grades 6–8
- A year's worth of instruction for each grade
- Complex, content-rich literary and informational texts
- Differentiation that supports all students with reading complex texts, and an interactive eReader with an array of multimedia tools
- Embedded assessments that allow for uninterrupted instructional time
- The Amplify Library—a digital collection of more than 700 full-length texts

Intended Use: (spiral, scripted, reform, daily, weekly, themes, units, whole group, small group, centers based, software inclusion, etc.)

Amplify ELA is a blended core middle school program intended to be used daily over the course of a school year. Amplify ELA's text-centered units within each grade include a balanced variety of nonfiction texts—including memoirs, essays, news articles, biographies, and research articles—as well as a rich variety of literary genres such as plays, short stories, novels, poetry, and graphic novels. Students work with these texts to gain solid footing from which to progress to the type of reading-to-learn they will be asked to do during high school and beyond.

The ELA program for each grade consists of six core units. Four or five of the units are focused on complex literary texts and one or two are Collections units based on primary source documents and research. Each grade level also includes a flexible grammar unit and a stand-alone Story Writing unit. All core instruction contains supports, such as core accessibility features that align to the principles of UDL; Amplify's six levels of embedded, differentiated scaffolds; strategic challenge activities; a range of supports developed specifically for English Language Learners; and the partnership of Amplify's Embedded Measure with the targeted support [Tier II]

activities within the weekly Flex Days. All of these supports ensure that every student can work successfully with the grade-level content in the core pathway.

Amplify ELA lessons follow a structure grounded in regular routines but flexible enough to allow for a variety of learning experiences. Lessons leverage analytic reading practices to help students learn vocabulary, build knowledge, and incorporate evidence in integrated reading, writing, and discussion activities. These activities are designed for a variety of grouping options, including pairs, small group, and whole group opportunities.

For teachers who want to supplement the core instruction, Amplify ELA contains a variety of resources available to all teachers and students, including Amplify's interactive Quests, poetry lessons developed in partnership with Poetry in America, digital and printable Novel Guides to support additional novel studies aligned to a robust set of middle grade novels, a variety of Collection archives to pursue additional research topics, and more than 700 full books in the digital Amplify Library to be used for lit circles, book clubs, and book reports.

Best Practices in Program Design:

Amplify ELA is a blended curriculum designed specifically for grades 6–8 that works across classroom configurations. The heart of every lesson is the text. We integrate close reading, analytic writing, academic vocabulary, and critical discourse around the unit texts, enabling teachers to teach skills through texts and develop their students' muscles for building meaning through reading. With Amplify ELA, students learn to tackle any complex text and make observations, grapple with interesting ideas, and find relevance for themselves.

The design of every Amplify ELA unit begins with the selection of rich, complex texts that focus on topics and themes relevant to middle school students. Taken as a whole, the texts show students a diverse picture of the world and foster a lifelong love of reading. Units are then designed to target the most powerful aspects of each text and engage students in a multitude of activities that put text at the center of instruction, including evidence-based writing, debates, performances, peer discourse, Socratic seminars, and multimedia projects. Critical, academic vocabulary from each text is pulled into Amplify's Vocab App, where students encounter game-like activities that engage them to master both the word and specific vocabulary skills such as contextual meanings, morphology, and shades of meaning. Texts become more complex throughout the year as students' reading skills grow, adding up to a rigorous sequence that rewards effort and builds knowledge across subject areas. Amplify worked with teachers and literacy experts to compile a list of titles to consider for the ELA curriculum, then tested those texts in classrooms. These tests assessed text complexity by considering three essential parts: the text's quantitative aspects, its qualitative aspects, and the task that students will perform with it.

Amplify ELA lessons foster a classroom community that thrives on a wide range of student observations. The lessons immerse students in interactive close reading activities and cognitively challenging work, keeping them engaged through a variety of collaborative, digital, and project-oriented learning opportunities, and providing the range of supports needed to enable full participation. Activities harness multiple learning modes, using media tools, digital apps, and a variety of visual and physical experiences to strategically support and enhance student learning.

Distinct levels of differentiation mean that all students—struggling readers, students ready for advanced work, and English language learners—can take on the challenge of rigorous work while data delivery and digital tools allow teachers to ensure progress.

Embedded formative assessment measures and targeted feedback tools mean teachers can make timely decisions about instructional strategy and provide the guidance students need to thrive as readers and writers.

Materials Needed for Implementation:

The recommended configuration for implementation is Teacher Blended Packages per teacher and Student Blended Packages per student. The Teacher Blended Package contains a set of Teacher Guides, a set of Writing Journals, a copy of the grade-level novel(s), and a digital license for the length of adoption. The Student Blended Packages contains a set of Writing Journals and Student Edition (fulfilled yearly), a copy of the grade-level novel(s), and a digital license for the length of adoption.

Amplify ELA's print and digital formats work together to support and empower teachers, however they teach, and whatever their classroom needs and resources are. Our blended curriculum can be used in classrooms with limited access to devices, allowing teachers to make choices about when their students use devices without compromising learning or full coverage of grade-level objectives.

Amplify ELA Digital Teacher Edition and Amplify ELA Digital Student Edition are web-based apps that are supported across a wide variety of browsers and operating systems, including Chrome and IOS. The digital program is fully interactive, allowing students to submit and revise work in real time, while the platform simultaneously provides teachers key data about that work to help them make timely instructional decisions.

The teacher and student versions of the digital app follow a similar hierarchy; teachers see an overview of all units, then drill down into a unit, where the Unit Overview provides them with key unit planning and instructional resources, including Reading & Writing Assignment charts, printable Caregiver Letters, and background docs in both English and Spanish. In addition to sharing the student view of all learning activities, the digital Teacher's Edition has point of use instructional materials (that can be open or hidden) containing activity guides, suggestions for discussion modes and extensions, possible responses, and an interface for adjusting students' levels of support — including specific supports for ELLs — within differentiated activities. Lesson briefs identify lesson objectives, specific planning items, available lesson differentiation, and additional insights into relevant text sections and content. Each unit also contains summative unit writing and reading assessments that can be administered in either print or digital formats. All assessments are accompanied by assessment rationales.

At any point, teachers can access Amplify's digital Classwork and Reporting tools to understand, review, and respond to student work. The Reporting app features both broad and detailed views of student performance on formative reading comprehension and writing activities; unit reading assessments; and Amplify's Embedded Measure reporting, which provides cumulative performance data as students work within the app.

Amplify ELA student and teacher print materials are closely aligned with the digital lessons, allowing teachers to move easily between print and digital, depending on their resources and needs on any given day. Each print Teacher Edition features insets of the same text and activity instructions as the corresponding print Student Edition and wraps teacher instruction around these materials, so teachers have activity guidance, lesson standards, discussion suggestions, and differentiation tips at point of use.

In addition to point of use digital supports, printable supports for ELLs and struggling readers, including differentiated prompts, translated unit background documents, and translated text previews are provided to accompany print instruction.

The Professional Learning site also provides a range of additional resources to support teachers' instruction and understanding of the program's pedagogy, design, and digital tools.

Professional Development /Training Required:

Yes

No

If applicable, explain:

For an effective and sustainable implementation, professional development directly prioritizes classroom instruction and develops necessary capacity among key stakeholders -- district leads, instructional leaders (principals and coaches), and teaching staff. Professional development includes both training and coaching support over multiple years to incrementally develop the knowledge and skills needed for a self-sustaining implementation. Training equips stakeholders with the information and tools they need for a successful program implementation and initially, focuses heavily on updating day to day practices, activities, tools, and protocols to ensure a coherent approach to literacy instruction. Coaching provides real-time context for application and skill building to develop effective habits of teaching that produce excellent student outcomes.

ACCESSIBILITY:

Accessibility Disclosure: (Please explain how core materials are accessible educational materials: designed or converted in a way that makes them usable across the widest variability regardless of format.)

FULL DISCLOSURE FOR DIGITAL MATERIALS: (PLEASE COMPLETE FOR DIGITAL

CURRICULAR MATERIALS ONLY)

Amplify is committed to building products that address the needs of all learners, including those with disabilities. We do so by methodically integrating accessibility considerations into our product

development lifecycle and implementing training and vendor management programs that support compliance with accessibility guidelines and best practices. Amplify works with external experts in digital accessibility to ensure that we build our products according to the WCAG 2.0 AA guidelines and best practices. This includes engaging accessibility experts to conduct assessments and committing to a remediation plan for identified deficiencies. We are also implementing WCAG 2.0 training programs to support integration of accessibility concerns into the decision-making process of our product design and development teams.

Platform:

Amplify products are delivered as web-based SaaS (Software as a Service).

Cross Platform Functionality:

Amplify is a supporter and leader in ed-tech interoperability, as an 1EdTech (formally IMS Global) Contributing Member and signatory to the Project Unicorn interoperability pledge. Amplify products support standards including OAuth 2, SAML v2.0, IMS Learning Tools Interoperability (LTI) v1.1, IMS Global Common Cartridge v1.3, IMS OneRoster v1.1, the IMS CASE Network, and the Experience API (xAPI). Amplify certifications can be viewed at <https://site.imsglobal.org/certifications?query=amplify>. Amplify has earned the Project Unicorn Interoperability Certification, at the level 4 score, indicating that the product provides optimal interoperability to its users.

Plugins Needed: (Flash, Shockwave)

No Plug-ins are required, Amplify products are delivered as web-based SaaS (Software as a Service). For more information, please review our customer requirements page located at <https://amplify.com/customer-requirements>

Screen Resolution:

1024 x 768 or higher

Connectivity Speed Requirement:

Amplify requires bandwidth of 2 mbps per device during peak usage (10 mbps recommended) For more information on technical requirements, please see here: <https://www.amplify.com/curriculum/requirements>

Mobile Device Capability:

Supported platforms are: iPad® 5+ Description: 1024 x 768 or higher, 32GB or higher Operating system: iOS 13+ Browser: Safari 13+

Chrome (latest 2 versions) Chromebook Description: 1.4 GHz dual core or greater, 1024 x 768 or higher, 4GB of RAM or higher Operating system: Chrome OS Browser: Chrome (latest 2 versions)

Licensing Model(s): (Subscription, 1 yr., etc.)

ELA digital licenses are available per student and per teacher, on a subscription model.

Updating Process: (How often, auto updates, etc.)

Amplify is committed to continually increase user satisfaction. One of Amplify's greatest strengths is in its ability to continue to develop each year, responding quickly to the needs and feedback of our users.

Amplify is continually enhancing the student and staff experience. New functionality, bug fixes, and content updates are released on an ongoing basis, with zero or minimal disruption of normal operation. On the rare occasion maintenance or major upgrades requires some downtime, it is limited to off-hours for minimal user impact.

Whether functional or pedagogical, when updates do occur, they will be released to existing users automatically over the summer, along with an announcement via email and chat so that teachers are aware of them.

There are no additional fees for these updates to Amplify's digital features and content.

Tools & Features:

Amplify ELA 6–8 is a comprehensive English Language Arts curriculum based on decades of work in middle grade classrooms. Whether in digital or print format, in school or remotely, students engage with a rich selection of strategically sequenced texts, with a core focus on critical thinking, reading, writing, and peer discussion. These essential activities are supported using both proven learning modalities (Socratic seminars, debates, collaborative discussion, analytic writing) and engaging technology (interactive apps, experiential Quests, strategic multimedia and technology) to inspire and push thinking. In the background, Amplify has built an architecture of comprehensive data reports, differentiation supports, and dynamic feedback tools so teachers can understand and respond to their students' performance in real time. It has earned all-green ratings and a perfect score on EdReports.

Amplify ELA provides the following:

- Engaging curriculum - Amplify ELA engages and ignites students' innate curiosity through relevant and relatable texts as well as collaborative and multimodal activities.

- Research-based instruction- Amplify ELA supports deep understanding of texts and content through consistent, evidence-based reading, writing, and discourse practice. Amplify ELA helps students think analytically and independently and communicate new ideas and opinions.
- Materials appropriate for diverse, inclusive classrooms - Amplify ELA is built on the conviction that equitable instruction is vital to an effective program—that curricula must provide all students with equitable opportunities to achieve academic success, that texts and tasks must be relevant to culturally diverse classrooms, and that students' voices and ideas should be at the center of learning.
- Web-based apps - Amplify ELA Digital Teacher Edition and Amplify ELA Student Edition are web-based apps that are supported across a wide variety of browsers and operating systems, including Chrome and IOS. The digital program is fully interactive, allowing students to submit and revise work in real time, while the platform simultaneously provides teachers with key data about that work to help them make timely instructional decisions.
- Engaging multimedia - The digital Amplify ELA program also contains unique apps and Quests that engage students and support instruction. They are designed to help students apply and increase their content and standard knowledge as they—for example—solve a Poe-themed murder mystery, or accompany the Greek gods on quests, or diagnose the cause of some unusual neurological symptoms.
- Text at the center - Amplify ELA builds students' knowledge with a thoughtful blend of complex, content-rich literary and informational texts while narrowing the vocabulary gap by helping students learn academic words in the context of reading. For digital users, Amplify's eReader places the text at the center of lesson activities, so that students can see the specific, key passages right next to the relevant activity. Students can also access professionally voiced audio of each passage at point of use, and adjust line spacing and font size. Equally, the Amplify ELA Print Student Editions are organized with a write-in format and full-color pages — a reader-friendly format that includes all texts, images, and photos used across a core lesson.
- A focus on vocabulary - In Amplify's digital eReader, students can use the text-embedded Reveal tool to define critical text vocabulary and to automatically add revealed words to their personal glossary. Key text vocabulary, plus additional academic words, are also incorporated into Amplify's digital Vocab App, where students work with game-like activities to build their vocabulary—and track their performance and level of mastery. Challenging Tier 2 and 3 vocabulary is called out and defined in the margins, all paragraphs clearly numbered, and arranged with clear fonts and ample margins to

support highlighting and annotating. Key vocabulary is also compiled in glossaries at the end of each text.

- Digital Library - The customizable Amplify Library offers more than 700 classic and contemporary fiction and nonfiction texts suited to a wide range of abilities and interests. Our digital library offers students far-ranging opportunities to learn, explore, imagine, and share.

- Teacher resources - The Amplify ELA Teacher Edition includes differentiated instruction, EL supports, vocabulary supports, small-group and pair-and-share exercises, and more. In addition to unit and lesson materials, the teachers have digital access to Amplify Classwork, Reporting, the Amplify Vocab App, and Amplify's professional learning resource site.
- Excellent supports - Amplify ELA offers differentiation and scaffolds that support all students with reading complex texts, and an interactive eReader with an array of multimedia tools. Teachers working with the digital lessons can select from six levels of scaffolds for critical formative assignments — including scaffolds specifically designed for ELs—to ensure that a large range of students can work with the grade level content. Similarly, Amplify's print Teacher Edition features differentiation tips at point of use, and printable supports for ELs and struggling readers, including differentiated prompts, translated unit background documents, and translated text previews are also provided.
- Data - Amplify ELA builds formative assessment moments into each lesson, so that teachers receive important data without having to stop teaching. This regular, reliable information about each student's performance allows teachers to tailor timely, actionable feedback and instruction to individual students' needs.
- Writing and AWE - Amplify's Automated Writing Evaluation (AWE) tools have been developed in conjunction with the Writing Prompts in Amplify ELA, the majority of which ask students to use textual evidence to develop one focused idea or claim and to communicate that idea clearly and effectively to an audience. The goal of AWE is to give teachers a tool to understand, track, and support student progress with these key foundational skills, which are a strong indicator of a student's analytic writing proficiency.
- Classwork - Amplify ELA's Classwork app shows all students' submitted, in progress, and "not started" work, which teachers can organize to suit their needs. Teachers will also see scores for all auto-scored items and the level of differentiated supports provided to the student for that assignment. From Classwork, a teacher can view all student work, access feedback tools to provide in-line comments, create custom scores or grades to send to students, or adjust each student's assigned level of differentiated supports.
- Embedded Measure and Flex Days: Amplify's Embedded Measure reporting allows teachers to easily track and interpret student performance against the three core domains of Reading, Writing, and Language without interrupting the flow of daily instruction to test students. Embedded Measure reporting also provides recommendations about how to group students for differentiated instruction and extra practice during Flex Days.