

RECOMMENDED HIGH-QUALITY CURRICULA: LEADERSHIP SUMMARY

In Opportunity Culture schools, providing high-quality, standards-aligned, differentiation-ready curricula with fully aligned lesson plans saves multi-classroom leaders and teachers planning time. This frees time for teachers to innovate to engage students, practice lesson delivery, review student data, and adapt instruction to meet the needs of all students. High-quality curricula also deepen teachers’ content knowledge, which leads to increased gains in student learning.

Our recommended curricula are all closely aligned to college- and career-ready standards, either Common Core State Standards (CCSS) or similar high standards that develop students’ thinking skills, regardless of where they begin. Recommendations are summarized in the table below. For more details on curricula and tools, including content guides to help educators understand content, and differentiate and enhance instruction, see [Recommended High-Quality Curricula: Detailed Summary for Curriculum & Instruction Professionals](#).

Recommended Curriculum ¹	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Free? ²
ELA															
Core Knowledge Lang. Arts (Amplify)															Yes, limited
EL Education															Yes
American Reading Company Core															No
Match Fishtank*															Yes
Math															
Bridges in Mathematics															No
Zearn															No
Eureka Math (Great Minds)															Yes
Match Fishtank*															Yes
Illustrative Mathematics (LearnZillion)															Yes
Agile Mind															No
Science															
Amplify Science															No
Match Fishtank* <i>integrated with social studies</i>															Yes
PhD Science (Great Minds)															No
Summit Learning*															Yes, limited
Social Studies (SS)															
The DBQ Project & Mini Q’s															No
The Choices Program (Brown Univ.)															No

*Indicates the curriculum is not yet independently reviewed; preliminary analysis was conducted by Public Impact using the publicly available rubrics from these independent rating system reviews.

¹ Recommended curricula are high-quality based on an analysis conducted in December 2018 of reviews in independent public rating systems, including [EdReports](#), [Louisiana Department of Education’s annotated reviews](#), and [California State Board of Education’s science publishers aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards](#). For ELA elementary curricula, they also use a research-based, structured phonics approach.

² Free resources are also known as open education resources (OERs) and, while available to download and use at no cost, the cost of printing and purchasing class materials to use with the curriculum may increase costs. For more information on cost, please see the accompanying document, [Detailed Summary for Curriculum & Instruction Professionals](#).

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