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Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we adopting new materials for Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2?

The materials that are currently used are not aligned to the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. We are reviewing new materials that will help prepare our students for state assessments and the expectations from colleges and careers.

How were the resources selected?

The Math Adoption Committee, which is comprised of middle school and high school math teachers, parents, administrators, and support staff, selected Pearson enVision and Discovery Education from a list of 20+ instructional materials over the course of the 2016-2017 school year. We used selection criteria that other school districts have used for their materials adoption as well as findings from independent studies.

How are the resources being used?

The new materials are designed to foster interaction between teacher and student and among students. Teachers use real-time feedback as formative assessments to direct the next step in the lesson or the next lesson. There are also discussion questions teachers should ask the class before/during/after students engage in the digital resource (video, animation, etc.).

What training have the teachers received on each of the instructional materials?

Teachers participated in a full day training with Pearson materials in August and another full day training with Discovery materials in October. In addition, we continue to offer 2-hour training sessions during District Directed Professional Days throughout the year where there is time for teachers to collaborate with other course colleagues in the adoption process. The math curriculum developers also provide targeted training in the form of one-on-one coaching with teachers.

How can families support their student at home?

We have created an Adoption Materials One Note Master Course for the math adoption materials so that many of the notes and practice problems will be available for students to reference at home or if online access is not available. Families can access the One Note courses by logging in with your student's username and password.

How can families be updated on the adoption process?

We will continue to update the Bellevue School District website with general information/changes regarding the math adoption process. If we send information about the pilot that affects your students, we will send the information to families via email.

How can families provide feedback?

There will be a survey sent to families at the end of the math adoption process in December to gather feedback. Families are also welcome to email any questions and feedback to the Math Curriculum Developers, Mary Takle (taklem@bsd405.org) and Betty Nhan (nhanb@bsd405.org).



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How can families access the 2 new materials to learn more?

Pearson Access: www.PearsonRealize.com	Discovery Access: www.discoveryeducation.com
User: BellevueStudent100 Password: pearson1	User: TempStudentBellevue Password: discovery

How can students provide feedback?

Students are asked to respond to survey questions upon completion of each of the chapters in which they use the piloted materials. In addition, we will gather information about their experience through student focus groups. They are also welcome to email the Math Curriculum Developers, Mary Takle and Betty Nhan.

Will students in the classes using these 2 new materials miss content that is taught in classes not piloting?

We have worked with experienced teachers in identifying the appropriate chapters that are taught with current materials around the same timeframe so that the transition back to the current materials will be as smooth as possible. There is time built into the pacing so that teachers can make any modifications necessary to connect prior student learning to the units ahead.

How have you responded to some of the technical challenges?

- *Student Logins: We have mitigated student login issues by rostering them such that they can use Single Sign On to make the application use as smooth as possible.*
- *Offline Access: Teachers will have access to the Adoption Materials One Note from which they can copy relevant information to the Class Notebooks for students to reference after students sync before going offline.*

What is the timeline for this adoption process from this point forward?

- Mid-November: Collect information from Student Focus Groups
- Mid-December: Classrooms will be finished using the new resources
- Mid-December: Collect Parent, Teacher, and Student Final Survey Feedback.
- Mid-January: Host Parent Night to answer questions, gather input
- Mid-January: Provide survey results to Math Adoption Pilot Committee and vote on material to adopt
- February: Submit recommendation to Instructional Materials Committee
- April: Submit recommendation to the School Board for final approval
- April: 2 full days release for teachers to create pacing guide and standards alignment from Grade 6 - Precalculus
- End of June: 2 Days of training on adopted resource
- August: Repeat of 2 days of training on adopted resource