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TO: Dr. Jesse Bacon, Superintendent

FROM: Dr. Adrienne Usher, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Brandy Howard, Chief Academic Officer

RE: Curriculum/Instructional Resources, etc. Approval

DATE: March 12, 2025

As of July 25, 2022, the Superintendent will oversee all curriculum, textbooks, instructional materials, and student support services per changes in Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS 160.345). The curriculum in each school shall be designed to achieve student capacities established by KRS 158.645 and the school goals established by KRS 158.6451. The curriculum shall comply with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations. In any school administered under the provisions of KRS 160.345, the Superintendent shall determine which curriculum, textbooks, instructional materials, and student support services shall be provided in the school after consulting with the Board, the Principal, and the school council and after a reasonable public review and response period for all stakeholders. The attached documentation provides details on the following.

- School/Location
- Name of program or department requesting curriculum
- Applicable research and/or evidence-based findings for this curriculum (What Works ClearingHouse, EdReports, etc.)
- Explanation of curriculum materials including purpose, when will be utilized, content area, etc.
- Date of minimum two-week public stakeholder review by staff, parents, and the school community
- Review/approval date by Assistant Superintendent and/or Chief Academic Officer

Approval is requested of curriculum and/or instructional resources for district wide use along with several schools.

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School/ Program	Please provide what specific program and/or department is the request for, if applicable.	Curriculum Material Name (software, textbooks, instructional materials,	Please provide applicable research and/or evidence-based findings for this curriculum (What Works ClearingHouse, EdReports, etc.)	Explanation of Curriculum Materials including purpose, when will be utilized,	Provide dates of when a minimum of a 2-week	Date when principal consulted with	Asst. Super/CA Approval
LJES	Kindergarten and Special Education	Starfall	<p>Starfall was founded by Dr. Stephen Schutz, who had difficulty learning to read as a child due to dyslexia. He was motivated to create a learning platform with untimed, multisensory interactive games that allow children to see, hear, and touch as they learn.</p> <p>Starfall was developed in the classroom by teachers and opened in August 2002 as a free public service to teach children to read. Since then it has expanded to include standards in language arts and mathematics for preschool through fifth grade and above. The program emphasizes exploration, play, and positive reinforcement—encouraging children to become confident and intrinsically motivated. Due to the engaging content that “feels like play,” Starfall serves as an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children.</p> <p>Starfall activities are research-based and align with state learning objectives for English language arts and mathematics. Its emphasis on phonemic awareness, systematic sequential phonics, and common sight words in conjunction with audiovisual interactivity is especially effective for teaching emergent readers, children of all ages with special needs or learning difficulties, as well as ELL (ESL) students. It is widely used in schools and homeschools.</p> <p>Starfall’s low-cost membership program expands the free content to include additional animated songs, mathematics activities, and reading. Membership supports the production of new books, educational games, and movies.</p>	Starfall is an online program. We are looking to purchase specifically for kindergarten and SpEd teachers	January 22, 2025	2/17/2025	2.20.25

