

Open Up Resources' Publisher Response

EL Education K–8 Language Arts

Open Up Resources is grateful for the positive review awarded by EdReports for the EL Education 6–8 Language Arts curriculum. We would like to congratulate EL Education, authors of the curriculum, on the exceptional review. It has been a pleasure collaborating with the EL Education team in the development of these superb materials.

Open Up Resource's EL Education 6–8 Language Arts curriculum is a comprehensive, standards-based core literacy program that engages teachers and diverse learners through compelling, real-world content. This curriculum helps teachers build on their existing expertise and continue to improve their ability to make strong instructional decisions during planning and while teaching. Teachers are provided rich resources and opportunities to make sound and specific instructional decisions based on their students' needs. We are proud to provide a rigorous curriculum that embodies a focus on equity and closing the learning opportunity gaps.

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight one area in which the curriculum's pedagogical philosophy may not align fully with the EdReports review philosophy. The curriculum map shows the Language standards dispersed across Modules rather than in one activity at the end of the year. While one module may place a heavier focus on specific Language standards than others, these standards are spread across the module rather than in one activity. Grammar and usage standards are introduced through mini-lessons and Language Dives, as well as in an activity such as an Entrance Ticket, after which the teacher always reviews the activity with the whole class to provide direct and explicit instruction.

We are delighted to be giving schools across the country the opportunity to benefit from EL Education's successful approach to literacy by [offering this curriculum as a free open educational resource](#).