

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

ACTION REPORT

SECONDARY READING, ENGLISH, AND LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRAM

March 10, 2025

Background Information

In 2014, the RELA Office began the process of transitioning to Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) *Collections* for grades 6-10, due to the program’s stronger alignment to the ELA and Literacy state standards and the technology and accessibility affordances it provided teachers and students. By 2018, grades 6-10 were utilizing the HMH Collections program to support the implementation of the Maryland College and Career Readiness standards.

In 2020, HMH published their latest English curriculum for grades 6 –12, *Into Literature*. As a result, HMH will no longer maintain or support their previous 2017 online dashboard and resources for HCPS at the conclusion of this school year.

Additionally, the Ed Reports ELA program review determined that the 2017 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) Collections curriculum for grades 6 – 10 was designated as does not “meet expectations” for alignment to college and career ready standards and usability.

The HCPS Reading, English, and Language Arts Office is committed to providing high quality instructional materials for our students to ensure that the secondary English curriculum maximizes students’ college and career readiness and success. Given that the current English program will expire after the 25-26 school year and that it does not meet high quality instructional material expectations, the RELA Office has determined the need for a new English program in grades 6 – 10.

In October 2024, the RELA Office presented to the General Curriculum Committee a plan complete the Request For Proposal (RFP) process and to form a Secondary English Program Review Committee to begin the formal adoption process for selecting a new English program for grades 6 – 10.

The following action plan outlines the process that was utilized. A chart indicating dates, tasks, and audience has also been included.

Date	Description
September 27, 2024	RFP Issued
October 8, 2024	Pre-Proposal Meeting – Via Teams (link provided on cover page)
October 15, 2024***	Question Deadline – due before 12:00 PM (EST)

October 18, 2024***	Addenda released (if necessary)
November 12, 2024	Proposals Due before 12:00 PM (EST)
November 13, 2024	Review of Requirements
November 14, 2024	Distribution Meeting
November 15 – December 16, 2024	Committee to Evaluate Submittals
December 17 & 18, 2024	Evaluation Committee Consensus Meeting
January 8 and 9, 2025	Interviews/Presentations (if applicable)
January 15, 2025	GCC Presentation
February 24, 2025	Board of Education Presentation
March 10, 2025	Board Approval of Contract (if applicable)

The RELA Office is presenting the findings of the selection committee and to seek approval for the implementation of a new secondary English program beginning in the 25-26 school year in grades 6 – 10.

Requested Action

The Office of Reading, English, and Related Language Arts is requesting approval by the Board of Education to purchase and implement the committee recommended English program, Savvas *My Perspectives*, in grades 6 – 10 beginning the 2025 – 2026 school year.