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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a wonderful school year! Recently, California adopted new instructional materials aligned to the current English Language Arts and English Language Development (ELA/ELD) standards. All IUSD students will continue to work with materials that support high quality instruction and are fully aligned to California’s current state standards and meet the expectations for each grade level. All K-8 teachers will receive ongoing training and support from the district’s Literacy Department and publishers. After an extensive two-year review of publisher materials, Irvine Unified is excited to announce the new ELA/ELD adopted publishers for 2017-18.

2017-2018 ELA/ELD Textbook Adoption	
Kindergarten – 2 nd Grade	<u>Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – Journeys</u> <i>California Journeys</i> is a comprehensive ELA /ELD program built on the California Framework and the Common Core State Standards. This program provides powerful teaching tools that embrace recent instructional shifts, and state-of-the-art resources to foster students’ literacy success.
3 rd Grade – 5 th Grade	<u>Benchmark Advance</u> <i>Benchmark Advance’s</i> rigorous, integrated reading, writing, speaking, and listening instruction meets the needs of districts implementing a reading collaborative, balanced approach, or workshop model, and enables all students to master rigorous learning goals with the support of strong differentiated instruction and responsive teaching based upon ongoing assessments.
6 th Grade – 8 th Grade	<u>McGraw Hill – StudySync</u> California StudySync® is a ground-breaking, comprehensive ELA and designated ELD curriculum for grades 6-12, built on the Common Core State Standards and the California Framework. This program provides a dynamic learning experience to engage today’s digitally connected students. With California StudySync, powerful, relevant instruction is made possible using digital tools with comprehensive print resources to meet the needs of every California classroom.

We are excited about this opportunity to work with the new ELA/ELD adoption materials as we continue to support the individual learning needs of each of our students in IUSD. Please visit our IUSD ELA/ELD Textbook Adoption website for additional information. <https://tinyurl.com/K-8TextbookAdoption17>

Sincerely,

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