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CDE News and Announcements

Apply for Standards Revision Committee Membership

The Office of Standards and Instructional Support is now accepting applications for standards revision committee membership in the following content areas: social studies, visual arts, music, dance and drama/theatre arts.

Applications have been extended until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 31. <u>Access the application here</u>. Selected applicants will be notified in March 2021.

Preschool Through Third Grade Office—ELAT Project

CDE is now accepting applications from both new and renewal applicants who submitted a letter of intent in the fall of 2020 for the Early Literacy Assessment Tool (ELAT) Project. The intent of the program is to support state purchase of software that would provide individualized assessments with immediate results, store and analyze those results, and recommend activities based on those results.

ELAT Project participants select one of two vendor options and are supplied with the online tools to support the assessment. Participants will select either:

• Amplify for Acadience Reading (formerly named DIBELS Next) and IDEL, approved interim assessments for the READ Act, and DIBELS Deep PA/WRD diagnostic reading assessment, an approved diagnostic measure, or

 Istation for ISIP Early Reading and ISIP Lectura Temprana, approved interim assessments for the READ Act.

All approved applicants will receive software licenses to use the assessment that they select. The tool will store and analyze the results and recommend school and home activities based on those results. Hardware is not included. Applicants will be responsible for providing their own hardware.

Application materials and information are available on the <u>ELAT webpage</u>. The application is available online through Smartsheet. Access the link in the <u>request for applications document</u>. Applicants must complete the online application via Smartsheet by Friday, January 29, 2021, by 11:59 pm.

Message from CLAS

Nominations for 2021-2022 leadership positions are open!

Are you or do you know someone interested in running for an elected volunteer position in our organization? Nominate yourself or a capable colleague to serve as Vice President, Recording Secretary, Member At-Large (2), or Auditor. More information on each of the roles may be found on our <u>Descriptions of Elected Positions</u> page.

For more information or to make a nomination, contact mhoffman.teaching@gmail.com

CCIRA 2021 Virtual Conference

The CCIRA Conference on Literacy is one of the largest in the Rocky Mountain region. Each year, we host incredible speakers, authors, students, teachers, and vendors who remind us why literacy matters. Join us February 5-6 & 19-20 for the largest collaboration on literacy in the region! For conference registration and information click here.

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