

To: Denver Public School Board of Education
From: Susana Cordova, Chief Academic Officer
Subject: Green Valley Ranch
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The office of the Chief Academic Officer has made a thorough review of the educational plan as outlined in the innovation proposal for Green Valley Ranch Elementary. The summary below outlines the alignment of their educational plan with district expectations and standards. This proposal and included waivers (see below) are approved.

**Green Valley Ranch Elementary
Innovation Proposal: Summary of Education Plan**

Green Valley Ranch (GVR) is requesting curriculum waivers for literacy and mathematics.

Literacy

GVR has requested a waiver to use Imagine It! & Imaginalo. Imagine It/Imaginalo provides a comprehensive and integrated instructional design with a strong scope-and sequence across the grade-levels that incorporates the five components of reading (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension) and writing with a common instructional approach and academic vocabulary through a workshop instructional design. The Imagine It curriculum begins each unit with a inquiry based lessons investigating the theme of the unit where students learn to take their questions and transform them into research questions—questions that focus on problems and issues. Imagine It/Imaginalo is a scientifically research based reading program with evidence of success across multiple schools that serve linguistically diverse populations like that of Green Valley Elementary

Math

GVR has requested a waiver to use Math in Focus: Singapore Math. Singapore Math uses a focused, coherent syllabus that integrates concepts and skills in a concrete to pictorial to abstract way, while emphasizing increasingly rich and complex problems. The authors of the Common Core State Standards referred to Singapore Math in their design of standards as it is considered to be an international benchmark for standards. This curriculum will provide students with multiple, strong representations to build their conceptual understanding of mathematics.

Science and Social Studies

GVR will use DPS science and social studies curriculums.