

Addendum #1

English Language Development and Spanish Language Development Curricular Resources

Issue Date: Monday, December 2, 2024

Bids Due: Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 1:00PM

1.

Is this [RFP](#) for materials for K-12? **Yes**

2. Could you kindly confirm if the RFP can be submitted via email?

Per the instructions on the RFP:

Bidders must submit sealed proposals in an envelope clearly labeled with the Item Description shown above on the outside of the envelope. The proposal envelope and any information relative to the proposal must be addressed to:

**Purchasing Department, Suite 206
ATTN: Thomas Morgan
797 Westminster Street Providence, RI 02903**

**Bidders must include at least one original, one copy, and a digital PDF copy on a flash drive.
Proposal responses must be in ink or typewritten.**

3. What are the grade levels these materials will support? **K-12**

4. What is the number of students and teachers per grade level?

Currently this is the number of MLLs per grade level:

Grade	Active MLLs as of 11.22.24
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K	639
1	676
2	715
3	704
4	614
5	605
6	562
7	576
8	565
9	648
10	709
11	783
12	617

5. How many DL/BL/ELL teachers does Providence PSD have at each of the grade bands?

Grade	Count
Bil	12
K	2
1	2
2	2
3	2
4	2
5	2
DL	59
K	10
1	10
2	8
3	9
4	8

5	8
6-8	6
ESL	594
K	41
1	44
2	45
3	50
4	47
5	49
K-5	27
6-8	107
9-12	184

6. How many days of professional development are you looking for at each of the grade bands?
We typically offer PD for teachers during the summer, and offer PD opportunities throughout the year for new curricular resource implementation. We would like to see what the menu of PD options are and pricing for virtual vs in person.
7. Where should print samples be sent for review and how many copies of each resource do you require?
Please no more than 2 copies of print samples. They can be mailed to: Purchasing Department, Suite 206 ATTN: Thomas Morgan 797 Westminster Street Providence, RI 02903 Attention: MLL Office
8. Would you please clarify if you are looking for resources to support all multi-language learners with speaking, reading, and writing English? In other words, are you just looking for instruction to develop the English language?
We are open to receiving bids from vendors that can support English Language Development OR Spanish Language Development OR both English and Spanish Language Development.
9. Is the district looking for a new program?
Through our RFP process, the district reviews ELD and SLD curricular materials every three years. The current materials we are using for ELD and SLD have been in use for the past 3 years. We are looking to see if we will continue with our existing resources or potentially adopt new resources.
10. Can you please confirm the age ranges you are looking for materials for?
ELD is K-12 and SLD will be available for grades K-9 next year with the goal of growing it to K-12 in the next few years.
11. For the ELD portion, are you able to clarify which age ranges/grade levels you are looking for?
K-12

12. Does the district intend to continue using Connect/Get Ready?
This decision will be based on the vendor selected through the RFP process.
- a. Or would this RFP be for the secondary levels?
The RFP is for ELD in K-12 and SLD in K-9 next year with the goal of growing it to K-12 in the next few years.
13. We have programs specifically targeted for ML/EL Learners, as well as programs specifically targeted for Spanish Language Learners. Are you looking for programs that address all the needs I mentioned here or just one or the other?
We are open to receiving bids from vendors that can support English Language Development OR Spanish Language Development OR both English and Spanish Language Development.
14. Can you provide clarification regarding the intended grade span/grade band(s) to be served? If all grades, K-12, will the district consider multiple awards (for example, a curriculum for K-5 and a different curriculum for 6-12)?
Yes. We will consider multiple awards. ELD curriculum is normally split by levels such as elementary K-5, middle school 6-8, and high school 9-12 (Spanish language development materials apply to grades K-9)
15. Regarding the first Required Qualification on page 12- "English Language Development (ELD) core or ancillary resources designed to develop the English language proficiency of Multilingual Learners" - can you clarify how the term "core" is intended? Are you looking for a core ELD program? Or could a proposed solution include ELA core with integration EL/ML support?
We are looking for a core ELD program to be used during a dedicated daily ELD block, outside of core ELA.
16. Regarding Required Qualification #10 on page 13- "A program that also supports the development of Multilingual Learner's L1 (Spanish, Arabic, Swahili, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Khmer, Quiche, and/ or Pushto)" - can you clarify what is meant by "support the development" of the L1 - is this opportunities to use their home language? Explicit instruction in their home language? Everything translated in their home language?
For English Language Development materials, we are looking for a program that has scaffolds that are available to students in their native language. For example oral native language supports, or translated instructions in native language. For Spanish Language development we are looking for a program that will provide explicit instruction in Spanish language development. We do not want SLD materials to be a translation of English. We want our Spanish Language Learners to have access to authentic Spanish texts.
17. Is Providence Schools accepting proposals that do not cover all K-12 grade levels?
Yes. Submit what you have available within these grade levels for each language.
English - K-12
Spanish- K-9 next year with the goal of growing it to K-12 in the next few years.