Baldwin County Elementary Curriculum Resources

District-supported curriculum programs and materials are outlined below. The shaded materials are the adopted, core instructional materials and are *non-negotiable*.

Program	Description
AMSTI Science	**AMSTI**, formally the Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative, is the Alabama Department of Education's initiative to improve STEM teaching statewide, including improvements in the individual, as well as the integrated, STEM subjects. AMSTI supports educators and students in learning STEM through doing STEM by providing teaching material, professional learning, resources, and onsite support.
Best Friends Series	**The Best Friends Series** provides guidelines, lessons, and resources for making every read-aloud experience intentional and instructional to engage students in deep thinking about fiction and nonfiction books. Students are exposed to a small, carefully curated collection that you repeatedly turn to for specific teaching purposes.
Bridges Math Intervention	**Bridges Intervention** provides targeted instruction and assessment for essential K–5 mathematics skills within a tiered system of support. The small-group instruction and ongoing progress monitoring are intended to complement regular math instruction. Students work with models that spur thinking and build confidence—starting with manipulatives, moving to two-dimensional representations and then mental images. Each focused, 30-minute session is matched to student needs.
Comprehension Club	**Comprehension Clubs** are a collection of more than fifty age-appropriate books per grade level organized around six thematic strands. Every day students read – in a whole group Interactive Read Aloud and in small group Book Clubs – and talk, think and write about books.
Comprehension Toolkit	**Comprehension Toolkit** series guides students to understand, respond to, and learn from nonfiction text. It includes ready-to-teach lessons for reading comprehension and supports teachers in designing their own comprehension strategy lessons to develop independent readers and learners across any content or curriculum.
Discovery Education	**Discovery Education** is a standards-based digital curriculum resource for K–12 classrooms. The program provides teachers and students access to digital content, such as videos and images, as well as text resources. The district uses the program primarily to support Science instruction, but teachers have the autonomy to use the program to support other content areas, as well.

Discovery Education Techbook	**Discovery Education Techbook** offers a digital Social Studies textbook, merged with digital content. 5th and 6th grade classrooms have access to the Tech Book as a curriculum source for Social Studies.
Edge	**Edge** is a reading curriculum designed to support struggling readers. Scholastic Edge features high-interest, age-appropriate books to meet students where they are. Helpful text features like glossaries, labels, and more, provide necessary scaffolding and context for striving readers.
Elementary Curriculum SharePoint Site	**Elementary Curriculum SharePoint Site** serves as a one-stop location for resources teachers need. The site houses pacing guides, guidance documents, teacher handbook, supporting resources, virtual lessons, and so much more!
enVision Math	**enVision Math** is the main K-6th Math curriculum. The comprehensive program combines problem-based learning and visual learning to deepen students' conceptual understanding.
F.I.R.S.T.	**F.I.R.S.T., or Foundations in Reading, Sounds, and Text**, is an online program that helps younger students develop foundational reading skills to create automatic, fluent readers with strong comprehension. Your student may refer to this program as **Ooka Island**.
Freckle	**Freckle** helps teachers differentiate instruction to reach every student at their own level across Math, ELA, Social Studies, and Science. Students are always engaged and challenged, never facing material that is too difficult or too easy for them.
Google Classroom	**Google Classroom** makes teaching more productive and meaningful by streamlining assignments, boosting collaboration, and fostering communication. Educators can create classes, distribute assignments, send feedback, and see everything in one place.
Guided Reading Protocols & Procedures	**Guided Reading Protocols & Procedures** is an instructional approach that involves a teacher working with a small group of readers. During the lesson, the teacher provides a text that students can read with support, coaching the learners as they use problem-solving strategies to read the text. The ultimate goal is independent reading!
Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum	**Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum** provides 35 weeks of daily lessons, focusing on eight phonemic awareness skills, along with two additional activities to develop letter and sound recognition, and language awareness. Lessons are designed for a classroom setting, and only take 10-12 minutes.

Math Talk Moves	**Math Talk Moves** are procedural ideas for teachers to use to effectively engage students in whole group discussions about math. The talk moves are meant to scaffold student learning and allow them to talk about their thinking, justify their answers, and deepen their understanding of mathematical content.
myON News	**myON News** provides students with age appropriate news articles. Students learn about the world around them as they develop stronger digital and media literacy skills.
myON Reader	**myON Reader** gives students access to thousands of enhanced digital titles—fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, and more—at a wide range of reading levels, in English and Spanish.
NSGRA Kits	**NSGRA Kits, or Next Step in Guided Reading Assessment Kits,** help teachers identify students reading levels and identify what instructional goals to focus on next. The assessments include: • Reading interest survey • Word knowledge inventory to determine appropriate word study instruction • Comprehension assessment to determine comprehension needs • Reading assessment conferences to obtain precise data on phonics, word recognition, fluency, and comprehension to determine instructional levels and identify skills and strategies to target during guided-reading lessons
Open Court	**Open Court Reading** is research-based comprehensive K–5 reading, writing, and language arts curriculum.
Phonics First	**Phonics First** is a multisensory, systematic, structured, phonics-based, direct-instruction approach that emphasizes a balance of reading and spelling for mastery of phonetic and non-phonetic words. Lessons also include structured syllabication study for decoding mastery of multisyllabic words.
S.P.I.R.E.	**S.P.I.R.E.** is a research-proven reading intervention program for struggling readers. It is designed to build reading success through an intensive, structured, and spiraling curriculum that incorporates phonological awareness, phonics, spelling, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.
Secret Stories	**Secret Stories** is rooted in the Science of reading and cognitive neuroscience research. Secret Stories targets backdoor learning channels to accelerate phonics skill mastery for reading and writing.
STAR 360 Assessment Suite	**STAR 360 Assessment Suite** includes STAR Reading, STAR Math, STAR Early Literacy, STAR CBM, STAR Custom, and STAR Spanish. All components guide students toward greater reading and math growth with computer adaptive and/or customizable assessments that are fast, accurate, and easy to administer.

STEMscopes	**STEMscopes** is the adopted K-6th Science curriculum for the district. The program is a student-centric blended STEM learning environment where teachers are able to teach, intervene, and accelerate their diverse students. STEMscopes includes a digital platform brought to life in hands-on kits that students use to explore scientific concepts through the 5E + IA model.
Studies Weekly Health	**Studies Weekly Health** is the primary Social Studies curriculum for K-6th grade. The program is an online platform that provides students multiple avenues to interact with health topics and address required state standards.
Studies Weekly Social Studies	**Studies Weekly Social Studies** is the primary Social Studies curriculum for K-6th grade. The program offers a blended approach to social studies, through an online platform and printed weekly newspapers. The online platform extends learning through the use of primary sources and provides students an opportunity to respond to what is read.
Study Sync	**StudySync** is a comprehensive ELA curriculum for grades 6–12 that brings literature to life for every learner.
W.O.R.D.	**W.O.R.D., or Words Open Reading Doors,** supports K-5th grade students' vocabulary acquisition and deepens their comprehension. The online program focuses on teaching new words in context across the content areas for maximum retention and increased applicability.