New Kensington-Arnold School District
RFP Number: NKASD2026 – Secondary Grades 7–12 ELA Series

INTRODUCTION

The New Kensington-Arnold School District (District) desires to purchase a comprehensive English Language Arts series for grades 7–12.

The District will use general fund resources and available grant funding to support this project.

The New Kensington-Arnold School District is a public school district governed by a locally elected nine-member Board of Directors in Westmoreland County. Current student enrollment for the 2024–2025 school year is approximately 2,100 students. The District includes four educational buildings and one administrative office. This RFP applies to **Valley Junior-Senior High School (Grades 7–12)**.

School Site: Valley Jr-Sr High School – 703 Stevenson Blvd – Student population ~750

DISTRICT CONTACT

Please direct all inquiries to:

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New Kensington-Arnold School District
707 Stevenson Blvd
New Kensington, PA 15068
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SCOPE OF PROPOSAL

English Language Arts Series, Grades 7–12

The District seeks a comprehensive ELA program for secondary grades that:

- Aligns with **Pennsylvania Core Standards** for English Language Arts (reading, writing, speaking, listening, research).
- Provides **literary and informational text sets** at appropriate grade levels, with diversity in authorship, genre, and perspective.
- Includes **print and digital resources** for students and teachers, with accessibility features.
- Incorporates **formative, benchmark, and summative assessments** aligned to PSSA (Grade 8) and Keystone Literature (Grade 10) requirements.
- Offers embedded **writing workshops, vocabulary, grammar, and text-dependent analysis** support.
- Provides **teacher and administrator digital dashboards** for progress monitoring.
- Supports **professional development** (onsite and virtual options).

Vendors should provide fixed pricing on a per-item basis. Multi-year proposals will be considered.

ORDER AND DELIVERY TIMEFRAME

Vendors must specify delivery and implementation timelines once an order is placed.

RFP TIMEFRAME

All proposals must be submitted by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026,** to:

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Late proposals will not be accepted.

PROPOSAL AWARD/REJECT
The District reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal in its sole discretion. Non-responsive proposals or those failing to meet RFP requirements will be disqualified.

PRICING
Vendors must provide clear, itemized pricing that includes:

- Textbooks, teacher editions, student consumables/workbooks.
- Digital access (students, teachers, administrators).
- Assessments and reporting tools.
- Training and professional development costs.
- Delivery/handling fees.

Discounts and multi-year pricing options should be identified.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION
Submit one (1) original and four (4) copies of the proposal. Faxed or telephone submissions will not be accepted.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated on:

- **Financial**: Overall cost and value.
- **Technical Capability**:
    - Program quality and features.
    - Standards alignment (PA Core, PSSA, Keystone).
    - Integration of print/digital resources.
    - Teacher usability and student accessibility.
    - Assessment and progress monitoring capacity.
    - Training and support availability.

VENDOR INFORMATION REQUIRED

- **Executive Overview** – Summary of proposed program, key features, and advantages.
- **Vendor Background/History** – Years in business, expertise in secondary ELA.
- **Organizational Structure** – Customer service, technical support, PD support.
- **Industry Experience** – Relevant experience with grades 7–12 curriculum adoptions.
- **Customer References** – Comparable 7–12 ELA implementations in districts of similar size.

USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS

Vendors must disclose any subcontractors used for product delivery, training, or technical support.

GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS

- Final contracts must be executed by **June 15, 2026**.
- Contracts will include terms and conditions memorialized in this RFP.
- Provider proposals and this RFP will be included as contract exhibits.

PA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT

Vendors must comply with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, Act 222 of 1955, as amended.

DISPUTES/CLAIMS

All disputes are subject to Pennsylvania law, with jurisdiction in Westmoreland County.

APPENDIX A – Proposed Materials, Grades 7–12

- Teacher edition sets (Grades 7–12).
- Student textbooks/anthologies (approx. 750 students).
- Consumable student practice/workbooks.
- Digital subscriptions for students, teachers, administrators.
- Formative and summative assessment banks.
- Text-dependent analysis writing modules.
- Research and MLA/APA writing resources.
- Leveled novel sets and literary nonfiction collections.
- Vocabulary and grammar resources.
- Professional development (onsite preferred; virtual acceptable).
- AP/SAT/ACT and college-prep ELA modules.
- Technical support and customer service.