



Middle School Science Adoption Committee Application – Parent / Community Member

Below is the information and dates for the Middle School Science Adoption Committee. There is also a link for the online Application. All applications must be received by the **4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 19, 2014**. Please contact Michael O'Toole at (303) 682-7232 or e-mail otoole_michael@svvsd.org with questions.

PART I: *BACKGROUND & PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS*

Please answer the Background & Philosophical Questions online at the following link. [Textbook Adoption Form](#).

PART II: *COMMITTEE COMMITMENT*

The 2014-2015 school year will include reviewing standards and selection criteria, evaluating candidate programs, hearing publisher presentations, and determining the pilot program. Once the pilot committee is determined and formed, these teachers (which will include the adoption committee plus additional District teachers) will be trained in the pilot program and will continue to meet periodically during the 2015-2016 school year.

Commitment for 2014-2015

- Standards & Selection Criteria Review (5 hours) – December, 2014
- Candidate Programs Evaluation (10 hours maximum) – December / January, 2014
- Initial Elimination of Programs (2.5 hours) – January 2015
- Publisher Presentations (1 day maximum) – February 2015
- Public Review Data Review & Pilot Selection (4 hours) – February / March 2015
- Pilot Training (2 days maximum) – May/June 2014

Commitment for 2015-2016

- Monthly after-school pilot teacher meetings (16 hours total)
- Final committee recommendation to recommend pilot program for adoption
- Help write and present adoption recommendation report to Board of Education
- Plan & participate in district-wide professional development for implementation (Summer 2016)

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014-2015

Please mark these dates on your calendar and check for availability as you consider your application and participation on the adoption committee. If there is a date change, you will be notified as soon as possible.

NOTE: There will be some pre-reading assignments expected from all committee members prior to the first meeting on December 8.

Date	Time	Location	Activity/Purpose
Monday, December 8	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Lincoln School	Introductions, overview of process, readings review
Monday, December 15	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Lincoln School	Standards and selection criteria review; determine evaluation “subcommittees”
Monday, January 19	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Lincoln School	Review initial evaluation data, initial elimination
Tuesday, February 10	All Day (??)	Lincoln School	Publisher presentations
Monday, March 2	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Lincoln School	Review public review data
Monday, March 16	4:00 – 7:00 PM	Lincoln School	Continue public review data; selection of pilot program
Tuesday, May 26	All Day	Lincoln School	Pilot teacher training & planning

Adoption committee “subcommittees” will review candidate programs on a flexible schedule (10 hours maximum) during November and December

The dates and location for the public review will be announced in early December. (adoption committee members are NOT required to attend)