



Westwood Public Schools

2025-2026 Curriculum Review Summary

Curriculum Review

The Westwood Public Schools Curriculum Review Process ensures that all content areas and district programs are high-quality, rigorous, aligned with state standards and utilizing research-based best practices, and most importantly, *yielding excellent outcomes for all students.*

The Curriculum Review cycle consists of three phases:
Audit + Analyze, Research + Development, and Implement + Assess.

WPS Curriculum Review Cycle

Launching:	● K-5 Literacy ● 9-12 Guidance
Review In Progress:	● Performing Arts ● Visual Arts
In Implementation:	● Wellness ● World Language ● Library Media/Digital Literacy and Computer Science
Up Next:	● Science and Engineering

Visual & Performing Arts

- **Spring 2025: Vision work with departments**
- **Fall 2025**
 - Launching (PA) and continuing (VA) Steering Committee meetings
 - Administering student and family surveys
 - Compiling curriculum maps, materials, and documents/data
 - Walkthroughs, peer observations, shadowing students
- **Winter-Spring 2026**
 - Analysis of data gathered: *To what extent is the current curriculum rigorous, relevant, and comprehensive? To what extent is the current curriculum aligned with state standards and research-based practices? To what extent is the curriculum culturally responsive, engaging, and effective for all learners?*
 - Identify goals and/or gaps, and create a theory of action to guide next steps

K-5 Literacy - Launching

- Last literacy Curriculum Review done pre-pandemic
 - **Key K-5 Finding:** Curriculum and resources vary between classrooms and grade levels
 - **2020 Recommendation:** Adopt and implement specific Teachers College Reading and Writing Units of Study
- Evolving literacy landscape, with growing Science of Reading research and legislative action around early literacy curriculum
- WPS wants to make sure teachers have the best tools to do the job, and also be ready to respond to state requirements

K-5 Literacy Timeline

- **Fall 2025**

- Launch Steering Committee
- Administer student, teacher, and family surveys
- Compile curriculum maps, materials, and documents/data

- **Winter-Spring 2026**

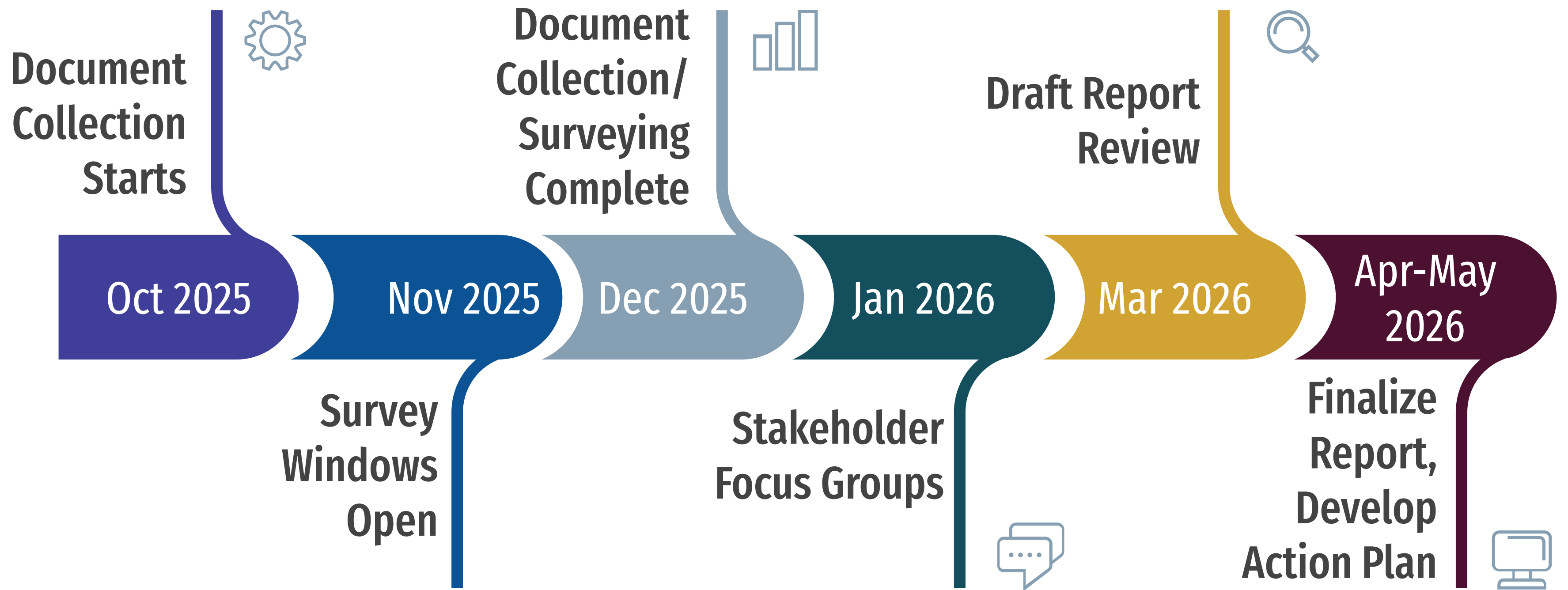
- Conduct walkthroughs, peer observations, shadow students
- Research literacy best practices, and high quality curricular materials available
- Identify promising curricular materials to pilot in 2026-2027

- **School Year 2026-2027**

- Pilot ~3 literacy programs
- Conduct labsites and visit other schools implementing these programs
- Make a recommendation for WPS adoption for SY2027-2028

9-12 Guidance - Launching

- First Guidance Program Review in WPS memory
- Partnering with MASCA
 - ***“The MASCA Program Review Committee will provide a holistic, strengths-based assessment of a school counseling department’s efforts to develop a comprehensive program which supports students’ academic, social/emotional, and college/career readiness. ”***
- MASCA will review documents, survey staff, students, and families to produce a draft report in March
- WPS will then convene a Steering Committee to review the report, prioritize recommendations, and create an implementation plan beginning in Spring 2026



MASCA Program Review Timeline

Questions?