

# WCPSS School Board Update: New Curriculum

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## *Did you know?*

Wake County began a new curriculum this school year for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It will roll into grades 3-8 next year! Get excited – so far, the feedback around Wake County is phenomenal!

## *What is it?*

Students now have 4 modules per school year of interesting and global-minded reading materials (called EL Education), meant to get students excited about real-world application of learning. All students read and discuss the same written materials, and some are challenged with supplemental study guides. Students also write **a lot** about interesting topics flowing from the text. The idea is to strengthen analytical reading / writing skills, and to develop critical thinking about fascinating issues.

## *What can parents do?*

Help your children in any grade get excited about learning:

- Ask your children what they are learning, and follow up with internet searches or library visits.
- Model curiosity! Grab a book yourself and show interest in the topic, or discuss at dinner.
- Thank a 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade teacher! They are undergoing the huge burden of learning and implementing an entirely new curriculum this year. We appreciate their hard work.