

# COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM AUDIT WITH EDUCATION ELEMENTS

## OUR CORE BELIEFS

At Education Elements, a Scholarus Learning company, we believe that a curriculum is much **more than a textbook**. We believe a curriculum should be rigorous, develop conceptual understanding of content and skills, and integrate learners' cultures and identities. Materials that have these characteristics empower learners to build critical awareness of themselves, their communities, and the world. Transformational learning occurs when there is alignment between the intentional design and use of high quality instructional materials.

Through our audit and review process, we empower teachers and leaders to ensure that curriculum focuses on grade level standards and the learners experiencing it. We believe that a high quality curriculum must meet criteria for core instructional components, content, and context-specific priorities. Our approach is two tier:



### **THE MATERIALS AUDIT:**

Our team of content experts look at curricular materials and create a readout with strengths, opportunities, and next steps; districts gain understanding of the extent to which curriculum meets the criteria for High Quality Instructional Materials.



### **CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE GUIDED REVIEW:**

Our team will partner with a local committee of school and district leaders, teachers, students, and families to design and facilitate experiences that illuminate strengths, opportunities, and next steps for materials with a culturally responsive lens.

As a result of our audit, you will have information to be able to interpret, analyze, and adjust practices based on findings. Following these decisions, Education Elements can support districts and schools in building and adjusting the systems and enabling conditions that are needed to put curriculum in action.

# OUR APPROACH

Our approach allows districts to look at curriculum from both an instructional and culturally responsive lens.

## MATERIALS AUDIT

Our expert team will review curricular materials for core components as well content and context-specific priorities:

### Level 1: Essential

- Standards Aligned
- Grade Appropriate Resources
- Assessments
- Learning Goals

### Level 2: Knowledge Building

- Content Specific Knowledge and Skills
- Tasks
- Academic Vocabulary in Context

### Level 3: Coherence

- Topics and Sequence
- Pacing
- Usability
- Accessibility and Supports

## CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE GUIDED REVIEW

Our expert team will facilitate a guided discussion and review of curricular materials with a local committee comprised of school and district leaders, teachers, students, families around key components of a culturally responsive curriculum:

### Diversity and Identity

- Diverse Cultures
- Diverse Voices
- Inclusive + Multi-dimensional Representation

### Inclusive Pedagogy and Cultural Competence

- Instructional Strategies
- Assessment Practices
- Technology and Tools

### Connection, Awareness, and Empowerment

- Interconnectedness
- Cultural Awareness
- Empowering Learning Opportunities

A curriculum audit can solve for a range of needs within a school or district. Below are some ways we could support you:



### NEW POLICIES

You are responding to state legislation for a new literacy curriculum and have limited options to choose from. We can work with your district to understand the literacy curriculum options and which one aligns to your instructional vision and framework.



### REVIEW OF TEACHER CREATED CONTENT

You want to maintain teacher autonomy, but need to understand where your district has gaps and misalignment in the teacher created curriculum. Our curriculum audit shares key findings of strengths and gaps as well as recommendations for improvement.



### SHIFTS IN STUDENT NEEDS

You are responding to changes in demographics. You would like to know how your curriculum currently supports teachers in creating culturally responsive classrooms and/or understand how to better meet the needs of students.

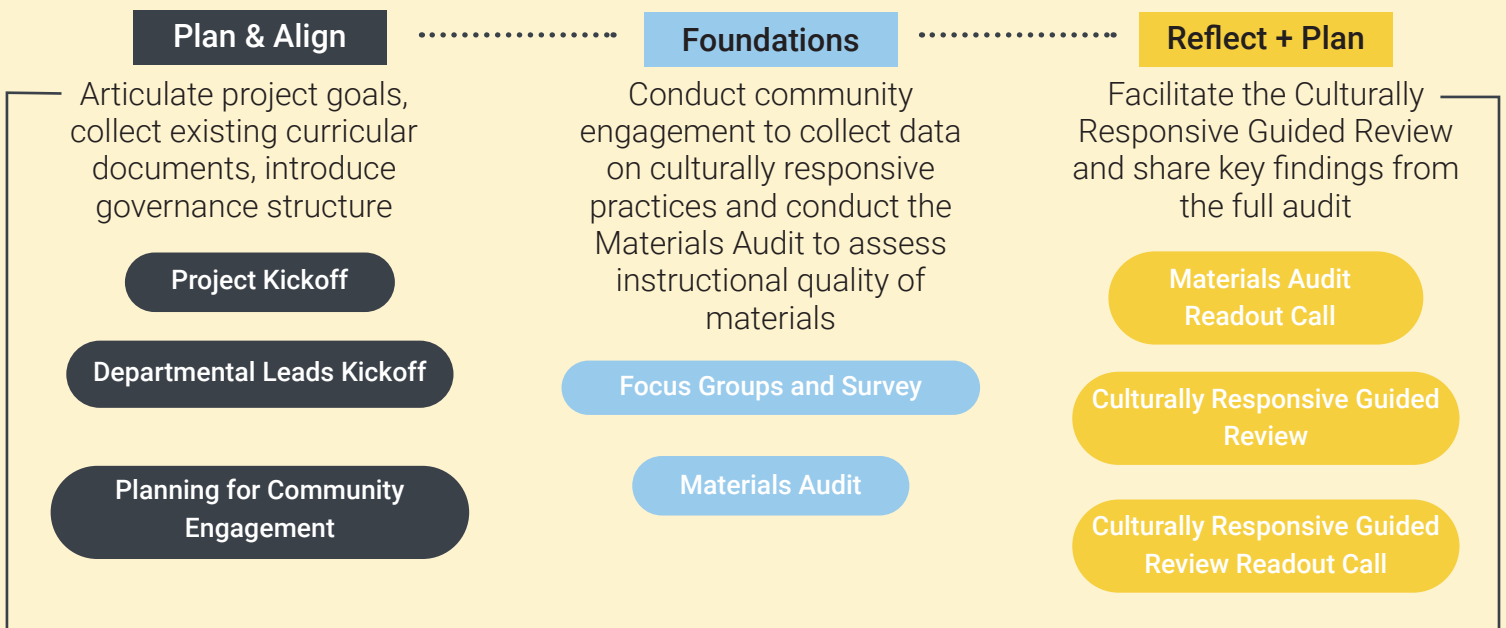
# OUR PROCESS

**Plan and Align:** We align on project governance and timeline expectations as well as documents for review within the audit process. We work closely with the district team to plan for community engagement around culturally responsive practices and other systems related to curriculum.

**Foundations:** Our team of experts conducts the Materials Audit of your curriculum, facilitates focus groups with students and staff, and delivers a teacher and leader survey. The results are compiled into digestible readouts with actionable recommendations.

**Reflect + Plan:** Our team facilitates a Culturally Responsive Guided Review of the curriculum with a group representative of the school community. Additionally, we facilitate data readouts of all findings and support short term action planning.

## CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE GUIDED REVIEW



### For More Information & Pricing:

Contact us to discuss your unique needs, and to explore if our process could be the right one for you at [info@edelements.com](mailto:info@edelements.com).

### About Education Elements

Education Elements is a national education consulting firm with a mission to shape a more equitable and just future by changing how people design for each student's potential. We partner with districts and schools to design learning environments that meet the needs of every student. We have built a reputation for helping schools and districts with instructional design, organizational strategy, and leadership. At Education Elements, we have supported the implementation of initiatives and programs in small rural areas, suburban and large urban communities – in more than 2000 schools, districts, and states across the US. Education Elements is a Scholarus Learning Company.