IMRA Instructional Materials Review and Approval

Technical Specifications

The information provided in this form is intended to assist local school systems decision-making during the Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) process.

Note: If information is the same for all grade levels, only one form is required.

All fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

Publisher* Newsela, Inc.

Program Title* Newsela ELA for Texas, Grades 2-5

Subject Area* ELA

Course/Grade Levels* Grades 2-5

Part One: Access and Use

Feature/Requirement/Specification

1. This product is designed for 1:1 use (one digital device per student). *

☑ Yes ☐ No

2. This product combines print and digital materials. *

☐ Yes ☑ No

3. This product is digital only. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

4. Online products can be used offline. Students can continue working when internet connection is dropped. *

☐ Yes ☑ No

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5. The product automatically syncs when a connection is re-established, and work completed offline is saved and uploaded. *

☐ Yes ■ No

6. Single sign-on is supported. If yes, select the platforms below. *

■ Yes ☐ No

■ ClassLink	■ Clever	■ Google Workspace/Classroom
☐ JumpCloud	☐ Microsoft Azure Active Directory (AD)	☐ Okta
☐ OneLogin	☐ Ping Identity	■ Schoology

■ Other: Canvas, Microsoft SSO

7. Students are permitted to use the product on more than one device (e.g., a computer at school and a laptop at home). *

■ Yes ☐ No

8. The product uses the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) with unique IDs for students and staff. *

☐ Yes ■ No

9. Accounts can be created for support staff. *

■ Yes ☐ No

10. Content is printable. *

■ Yes ☐ No

11. Content is exportable. If yes, specify formats. *

■ Yes ☐ No

Yes, articles and quiz questions can be exported in PDF format. Data reports can be exported in CSV files.

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12. Content is presentable in e-book format. If yes, specify formats below. *

☐Yes ■No

13. The product has embedded videos. If yes, specify file format, average file size, and the average number of videos per chapter/unit below. *

■Yes ☐No

Videos are embedded directly into the platform with up to one video per page. The product includes approximately 300 videc

14. The product contains simulations. If yes, specify formats below. *

☐Yes ■No

15. The product contains animations. *

☐Yes ■No

16. The product platform allows digital objects (e.g., text, video, simulations, etc.) to be divided and tagged with keywords and standards. *

☐Yes ■No

17. The product contains embedded assessments. If yes, describe assessment format, location, and compatibility with an external learning management system below. *

■Yes ☐No

Newsela offers standards-aligned quizzes on many articles as an available activity. Quiz scores can be reviewed within the p

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Part Two: Compatibility

Device Compatibility* For more infomation, please visit https://help.newsela.com/en/articles/13656033-technical-requirements#website-requirements

Fill out the following table. Identify each compatible device and indicate the oldest and newest associated operating systems for that device.

		Oldest Operating System/Version Supported	Newest Operating System/ Version supported
■	Android phone	N/A Web-based platform	
■	Android tablet	N/A Web-based platform	
■	Chromebook	N/A Web-based platform	
■	iPad	ios 15.1	
■	iPhone	iOS 15.1	
☐	Interactive Whiteboard		

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☐ Kindle Fire

Oldest Operating System/Version Supported

Newest Operating System/ Version supported

☐ Kindle, other

Oldest Operating System/Version Supported

Newest Operating System/ Version supported

☒ Mac

N/A Web-based platform

Oldest Operating System/Version Supported

Newest Operating System/ Version supported

☐ Nook

Oldest Operating System/Version Supported

Newest Operating System/ Version supported

☐ Other e-reader

Oldest Operating System/Version Supported

Newest Operating System/ Version supported

☒ PC

N/A Web-based platform

Oldest Operating System/Version Supported

Newest Operating System/ Version supported

☒ Windows tablet

N/A Web-based platform

Oldest Operating System/Version Supported

Newest Operating System/ Version supported

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Browser and Operating System Compatibility *

Fill out the following table. Identify each compatible device and indicate the oldest and newest associated operating systems for that device.

Browser	Oldest browser version supported	Newest browser version supported	Mac OS	Windows	Linux	Chromium	N/A
Chrome	major versions from the prev	Latest					
Edge	major versions from the prev	Latest					
Firefox	major versions from the prev	Latest					
Safari	major versions from the prev	Latest					
Other							

Part Three: Product Format, Installation Requirements, and Support

Feature/Requirement/Specification

1. Product is browser-based online; continuous Internet connection required. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

2. Plug-ins are required. If yes, list the required plug-ins below. *

☐ Yes ☑ No

3. Product is downloaded to individual device: One-time internet connection required. *

☐ Yes ☑ No

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4. Product is installed on an individual computer (from DVD, flash drive, etc.): No internet connection required. If yes, estimate time per device required for setup; indicate if support is provided and if local IT staff is needed below. *

☐Yes ■No

5. Product is installed on a LAN (district or school server): No internet connection required for teachers, students, or other users. *

☐Yes ■No

6. Infrastructure and software licensing are required. If yes, list license requirements and specify if set-up support is provided below. *

☐Yes ■No

7. Server configuration is required. If yes, list server requirements and specify if set-up support is provided below. *

☐Yes ■No

If your network infrastructure has specific requirements, such as an allow list, we can provide additional information.

8. The product supports deployment through Mobile Device Management (MDM) systems. *

☐Yes ■No

9. Technical support is provided to districts during initial set-up and deployment. If yes, specify the type of set-up support Provided below. *

■Yes ☐No

Districts will receive initial integrations support from our Onbaording and Integrations teams who will work directly with distric

10.Technical support is provided during duration of contract. If yes, specify the type of on-going support provided below. *

■Yes ☐No

Our Live Chat system is served by our expert team of Customer Support specialists, who are dedicated to quickly and thorou

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Part Four: Data Security, Access, and Privacy

Feature/Requirement/Specification

1. Login authentication uses district protocols to establish common usernames and passwords. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

2. Passwords can be reset without assistance from technical staff. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

3. Personally-identifying student data is recorded by the product. If yes, list required student data and optional data fields below. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

Please see section 17d for detailed information on student data: https://newsela.com/legal/newsela-privacy-policy#personal_

4. Student data (e.g., roster changes, contact information, etc.) is automatically updated. If yes, specify frequency and if automatically exported from SIS, or indicate who is responsible for student data export below. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

Student sign on, class rostering updates, or nightly bulk rostering can update student data.

5. Location of student data stored by the product fully disclosed. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

6. Student data is purged after use by the product. If yes, indicate how and when below. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

Yes, upon receiving your written request or after two years of inactivity, we will promptly delete all personal data belonging to

7. Student data can be purged by the district at any time. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

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8. Data is encrypted in transit. If yes, indicate which encryption protocols are supported below. *

■ Yes ☐ No

Technical safeguards: We employ encryption, multi-factor authentication, and intrusion detection systems to secure data bot

9. Data elements are encrypted at rest (i.e., in a database or file system) If yes, specify which data elements are encrypted below. *

■ Yes ☐ No

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10. Is your company willing to sign the TX-NDPA (Standard Student Data Privacy Agreement) with purchasing school systems? Please provide a link to your student privacy policy below. *

■ Yes ☐ No

https://newsela.com/legal/newsela-privacy-policy#privacy_disclosure_anchor

11. The product conforms with FERPA regulations. *

■ Yes ☐ No

12. A third party has evaluated the product for FERPA compliance. If yes, provide a link to the report below. *

☐ Yes ■ No

https://newsela.com/legal/newsela-privacy-policy

13. The product employs rule-based security. If yes, provide a link to detailed information and supporting documents below. *

☐ Yes ■ No

https://newsela.com/about/newsela-privacy-policy/

14. The product allows registration or data collection from children under the age of 13. If yes, provide a link to the COPPA Safe Harbor certificate below. *

☐ Yes ■ No

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15. The product allows a download of school system-generated data (including usage data) without manual intervention by product staff. *

■ Yes ☐ No

What types of authentications are accepted/used?

■ Password-based authentication

■ Multi-factor authentication

☐ Certificate-based authentication

☐ Other: _____

Part Five: Additional Technology Specifications

Learning Management System (LMS) (Check all that apply) *

☐ Blackboard

■ Canvas

☐ Eduphoria

■ Google Classroom

☐ ItsLearning

☐ Moodle

■ Schoology

■ Other: We support LTI 1.3. See our IMS certifications: https://site.imsglobal.org/cer

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Standards Compliance (Check all that apply)

☐ CEDS

☐ EDUPUB

☐ EdFi

■ IMS Global

☐ SIF

☐ Xapi

☐ Other: _____

Integrated Management System (IMS) Global Standards Compliance (Check all that apply) *

If IMS Global was selected, check all standards that apply to this product.

☐ APIP

☐ Caliper

☐ CASE

■ LTI

■ OneRoster

☐ QTI

☐ TCC

☐ Other: _____

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Is this product IMS Certified? If so, list the standards under which it is certified:

https://site.imsglobal.org/certifications/newsela/newsela#cert_pane_nid_407021

Usage Analytics*

Do you provide usage analytics?

■ Yes ☐ No

Which usage reports do you provide? Select all that apply.

☐ Time on Task

■ The number of teachers/students accessing the digital product

■ The content teachers/students access

■ The frequency of teachers'/students' access

☐ Other: _____

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