



March 13, 2025

Ashland City School District
Ashland Middle School, IRN #43505

Dear Principal James Lindeman III:

Congratulations to the teachers, staff, students, and families at Ashland Middle School! Your school is being recognized as a Governor's Science of Reading Recognition Program School. This designation celebrates your school's proven commitment to providing every student with high-quality literacy instruction aligned to the Science of Reading. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce established a set of criteria that schools must meet to be considered for recognition. We are proud to announce that your school meets these criteria.

Literacy is a top education priority for the State of Ohio. Reading is the key to school. Reading is the key to life. Through your school's strong commitment to the Science of Reading, you are building a strong foundation for your students' future success – not only in the classroom, but also in post-secondary education and as they enter the workforce. We applaud your school's efforts to raise literary achievement and ensure all students have the best opportunities to become proficient readers.

As part of the recognition, your school will receive a celebratory banner. Additionally, we invite you to use the attached files to produce materials highlighting your school's designation.

Please keep the Department informed of any special events you may plan around this recognition. Share photographs or other examples of your school's passion for the Science of Reading with the Department on social media (X: @oheducation) so we can highlight your achievement.

Once again, congratulations on earning the Governor's Science of Reading Recognition Program designation and thank you for your continuous support of Ohio's students.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine
Governor

Stephen D. Dackin
Director, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

C: Superintendent Steven Paramore, Ashley Pacholewski, Linda McKibben

