



ISD #717 Jordan Schools Local Literacy Plan

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Belief Statement from Minnesota Department of Education:

Reading well by third grade is one of many developmental milestones in a child's educational experience. Providing quality curriculum, instruction and assessments is the foundation for developing comprehensive systems of support for all learners.

Minnesota's system of statewide assessment does not begin to assess students' reading proficiency until the end of third grade. However, it is critical that schools are monitoring and responding to students' literacy needs long before then. Broadly speaking, the "Read Well" legislation provides specific expectations to ensure that districts monitor students' early reading proficiency, provide interventions and monitor their effectiveness when needed, communicate and collaborate with families, and provide adequate teacher training to ensure all students meet this important milestone with success. How districts accomplish these responsibilities is left to local education agencies.

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Statement of Goals and Objectives:

Goal: On the NWEA spring benchmark, at least 39% of students in Kindergarten, 49% of students in First Grade, 31% of students in Second Grade and 49% of students in Third Grade will meet or exceed the 61st percentile (national norms) on grade level measures.

- Teachers will create and inspire a love of learning and reading within all students.
- Teachers will know and understand the importance of providing a high quality literacy program that is rigorous, relevant, aligned to Minnesota Standards, and provides the appropriate differentiation and/or research based interventions when needed to ensure student success.
- Every child in our Kindergarten through Third Grade will receive a minimum of 110 minutes of literacy instruction a day. Formative and summative assessments will be used to identify and match students to research based interventions.
- Teachers will continue to provide a strong foundation (Tier 1) and support to all students within each classroom. Feedback in the form of progress monitoring will be used to individualize instruction and ensure student learning.
- Teachers will provide targeted reading interventions and support to the students that do not meet small group MTSS criteria (i.e., students falling within approximately the 15th to 35th percentile). This may include classwide and/or small group interventions.
- All staff will participate in planned, job embedded, data driven professional development to ensure best practice instruction is aligned with the Minnesota Academic Standards and delivered to our students.
- Assessment information will be shared with teachers/parents/guardians on a regular basis.

Statement of Process to Assess Students:

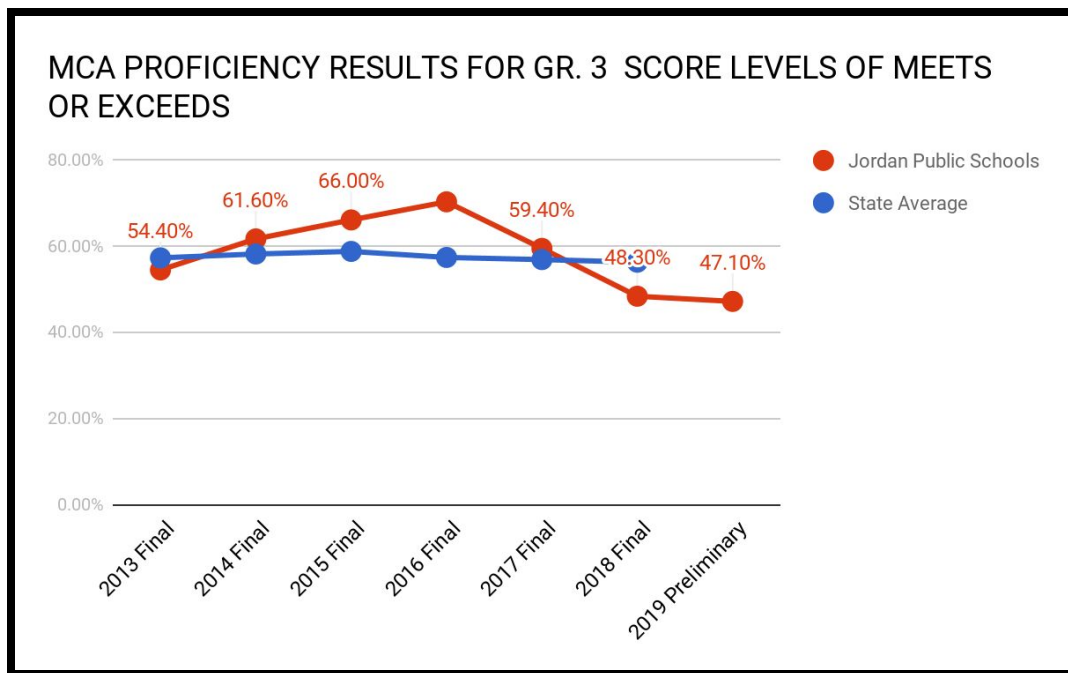
All students are assessed up to three times per year using the universal screener, DIBELS NEXT. The following benchmarks are used: Letter Name Fluency (LNF), Nonsense Word Fluency (NWF), and Oral Reading Fluency (ORF). In addition, the following assessments are also used as universal screeners to assess reading proficiency: Northwest Evaluation Assessment (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), W/APT and ACCESS, IGDIs (for PreK), and grade level specific formative assessments which may include teacher observation to establish baseline data for each child and to identify students who are in need of reading intervention services.

Summary of Assessments Required by District

	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Fall		NWEA MAPs DIBELS NEXT	NWEA MAPs DIBELS NEXT	NWEA MAPs DIBELS NEXT
Winter	NWEA MAPs	NWEA MAPs DIBELS NEXT	NWEA MAPs DIBELS NEXT	NWEA MAPs DIBELS NEXT
Spring	NWEA MAPs DIBELS NEXT	NWEA MAPs DIBELS NEXT	NWEA MAPs DIBELS NEXT	NWEA MAPs DIBELS NEXT MCA Reading

Our Literacy Data:

Jordan Public Schools, District 717, uses a literacy screening system for all enrolled students to ensure at risk students are identified early, and supports are provided accordingly by highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals. Benchmark assessments are administered three times each school year. Criterion referenced target scores have been established for each measure at each administration time that reflect expected grade level performance. These target scores are set to predict a high likelihood of success on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in Reading.



NWEA PROFICIENCY RESULTS (GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION - AT OR ABOVE 61%)							
		Spring 2018			Spring 2019		
	Measure	%	No. of Students At or Above Grade Level	Total No. of Students Tested	%	No. of Students At or Above Grade Level	Total No. of Students Tested
Kdgn	NWEA	42%	48	117	38%	44	115
Grade 1	NWEA	49%	50	103	48%	56	117
Grade 2	NWEA	35%	43	124	40%	45	114
Grade 3	NWEA	43%	63	147	41%	50	123

DIBELS NEXT READING READINESS PROFICIENCY RESULTS					
			Spring 2019		
	Measure	Grade Level Expectation	%	No. of Students At or Above Grade Level	Total No. of Students Tested
Kindergarten	LNF	62	43%	49	115
	NWF	7	44%	50	115
Grade 1	NWF	30	49%	57	117
	ORF	69	67%	78	117
Grade 2	ORF	111	59%	66	112
Grade 3	ORF	123	64%	78	123

For students whose screening assessment results suggest elevated risk for difficulty developing grade level literacy skills, teacher problem solving teams will review local formative assessments and observational data from each student's participation in classroom instruction to understand the specific areas of literacy instructional need. For instances in which these data do not provide a clear picture of a student's instructional needs, additional diagnostic assessment may be completed by RTI specialists to clarify these needs. Diagnostic assessments may include the following:

- NWEA Measures of Academic Progress
- DIBELS NEXT Benchmark Probes
- PRESS Literacy Probes
- FAST Literacy Probes (MN Reading Corp students)
- Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System

Parent Notification and Involvement:

At least two times per year parents will be provided with the results of their children's screening assessments. These reports are included with student report cards and discussed at parent-teacher conferences.

For students whose pattern of performance on the screening assessments indicate elevated risk for difficulty developing literacy skills consistent with grade level expectations, parents are provided with multiple opportunities to receive information and participate interactively to support student achievement in the home environment.

These opportunities include, but are not limited to:

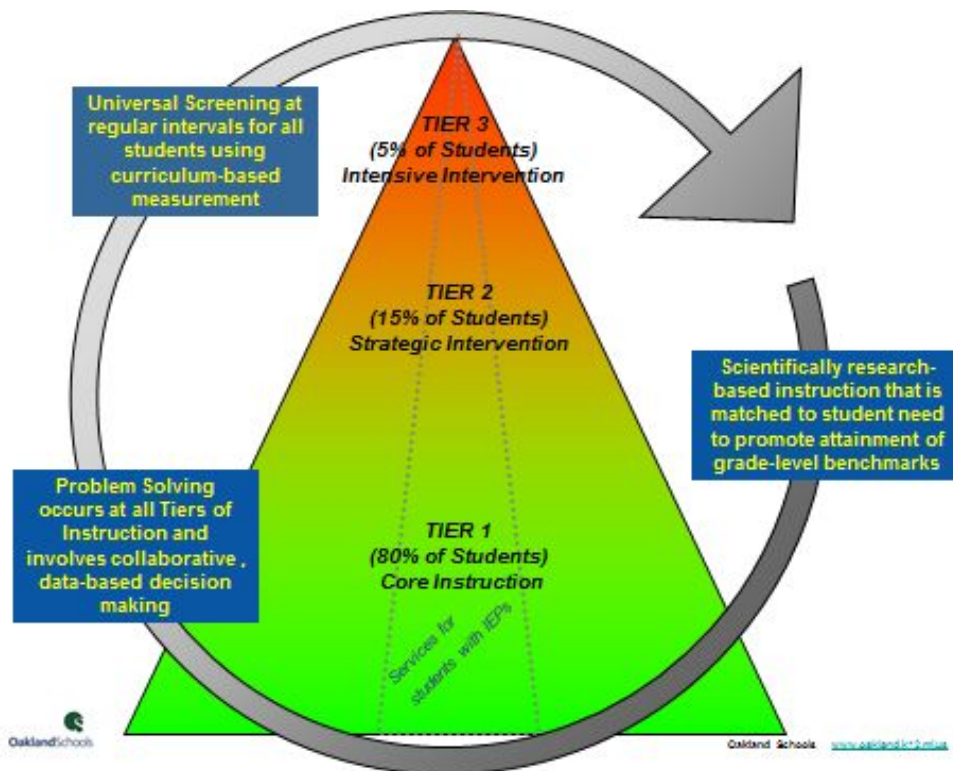
- explanation and review of assessment data
- access to monthly communication folders
- articles and websites communicated through monthly school newsletter
- access to take home literacy kits (FROG kits, etc)
- participation in Family Night activities/strategies

Intervention and Instructional Supports:

Jordan Public Schools and its teachers require high quality instructional programs and materials to provide quality reading instruction to all children. Core instruction in the district will be aligned to the 2010 English Language Arts Academic Standards and will specifically address the development of the components of reading consistent with Section 122A.06 Subdivision 4. Research-based programs and materials will include a core reading program, supplemental programs for deeper instruction and additional practice as well as intervention programs for those learners well below grade level reading goals. Instruction will be differentiated during JWIN (Just What I Need) time based on the students needs to reach reading goals.

A multi-tiered system of support will be utilized to meet the needs of all learners:

- Tier I will include students at a low risk for reading difficulties with a consistent amount of daily instruction in the core program. The first level of support occurs in the classroom with at least 60 minutes of core instruction delivered by the classroom teacher using the district's literacy curriculum that is being aligned with the 2010 English Language Arts Standards. Research-based reading instruction will address the five strands of reading (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension). Teachers will differentiate instruction in small groups, and during JWIN time (an additional 50 minutes of instruction for all students) according to the individual needs of their diverse learners. This may include interventions provided by the classroom teacher.
- Tier II will include those students who are at a moderate risk for reading difficulties. Based on screening and diagnostic assessments, the second level of support identifies students not meeting grade/level targets who are, then, provided supplemental reading and math interventions according to their skill deficit(s) in addition to the core program component. This level of support will be provided in twenty-five to thirty minute blocks per day, at least four days per week.
- Tier III will include students who are at high risk for reading difficulties. Students not responding well to the interventions provided at the second level are referred to and receive the most intensive and individualized level of support outside of the 60 minutes of core instruction. These students may require replacement core reading programming. Students receiving Special Education services are sometimes included at this level.



Any K-3 student identified through the district screening system, which includes screening assessments and review of classroom performance through observation and local formative assessment, as performing below grade level expectation will be provided intervention in the area of identified need. The intent of intervention is accelerating student growth in order to reach the goal of reading at or above grade level by the end of the current grade and school year. When needed, additional diagnostic assessments will be completed to identify an appropriate instructional match for student interventions.

Parent involvement in support of students receiving reading interventions is encouraged. As described in the Parent Notification and Involvement section above, strategies for parents to use with their children to support growth in reading are communicated throughout the school year.

Supplemental reading interventions may be offered during the school day, through extended day programming, or during the summer. Supplemental reading interventions are provided in addition to, and not in replacement of, core reading instruction. Supplemental reading intervention programs offered for grades K-3 include:

- Minnesota Reading Corps Interventions
- MTSS/RtI Interventions
- PRESS Interventions

For a small number of students, the district may elect to provide an alternate core reading program in replacement of the standard district program for reading instruction. This choice is made based on careful review of student data for students whose literacy needs are particularly complex and intensive, such that the standard program along with supplemental interventions are not predicted to be sufficiently explicit or intense to accelerate growth. Close communication with parents is an integral component of this instructional planning.

Student Support System for EL Learners:

The mission of the English Language (EL) program in Jordan Public Schools is to teach all English Learners through context, content, and real-life situations at their ability level to become successful in both academic and social situations while maintaining a sense of identity and pride. All of our students need a strong command of the English language in order to achieve academically. The EL Program supports development of English competence needed for academic success and for life in a literate culture. Our EL teachers focus on vocabulary development, grammar and making highly academic English discussions more accessible to students. Based on the W/APT and ACCESS assessments, students who qualify for EL support will receive the intervention of English language skill development from a licensed EL teacher, in addition to the core instruction.

Students are assessed one time per year to measure their academic English proficiency in Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science and Social Language. New students are assessed with the W/APT. W/APT stands for the WIDA/ACCESS Placement Test. It is an English language proficiency "screener" test given to incoming students who may be designated as English Learners, typically administered only to new students. It assists educators with programmatic placement decisions such as identification and placement of ELs. The W/APT is a component of WIDA's comprehensive assessment system. Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State/to/State for English Learners (ACCESS for ELs) is a secure, large/scale English language proficiency assessment given to Kindergarten through 12th graders who have been identified as English Learners (ELs). It is given annually in Minnesota to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English.

Professional Development:

Professional development that is data-driven, ongoing and is inclusive of all educators within our school community will be integral to the successful implementation of our Literacy Plan. Staff members at each grade level have been trained in implementing the use of data through a data driven dialogue model. These staff will become PLC Leaders for their groups and support the use of data to focus instruction for all students throughout the school year.

Our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs):

- meet weekly for 30 minutes
- use a team-oriented approach to promote strong literacy instruction
- reflect on student progress
- review student work and data
- align instruction to academic standards and desired outcomes

Grade level PLCs focus on the following four guiding questions:

1. What do we want students to know?
Essential learning outcomes (power standards) for each grade level
2. How will we know when they have reached proficiency?
Ongoing formative and summative assessments
3. What are we doing for those students who are not proficient?
Implement Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions
4. What are we doing for students who are already proficient?
Enrichment through differentiated instruction and Enrichment Program

Communication System for Annual Reporting:

Assessment methods and data will be posted on the district's Curriculum and Instruction webpage for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 11.

- After each key benchmarking periods, i.e., fall, winter, and spring, the compilation of student data is examined, and monitored throughout the school year.
- Intervention strategies for students not meeting the benchmark(s) are established after the district and collaborative teams review this data.
- In order for our students to meet proficiency and literacy success, Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) analyze grade level data to delineate student areas that need focused attention.
- This report will also be a part of the Jordan Public Schools World's Best Workforce Plan approved by the district school board prior to posting on the district website.