# **Mustang Supports**

At J. Sterling Morton High School District 201, we are committed to developing graduates who are college ready, career ready, and life ready. Our Mustang Supports are academic interventions designed to help students build the foundational skills needed to thrive both in and beyond high school, directly aligning with our district's Portrait of a Morton Graduate.



### What are Mustang Supports?

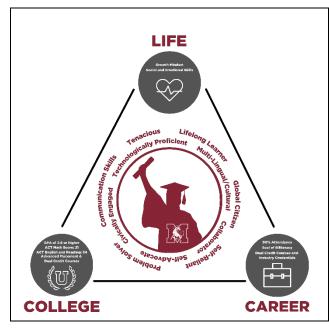
Mustang Supports are targeted interventions that provide additional instruction in reading, math, or both, in addition to students' core English and math classes. These supports are available to freshmen and sophomores and are designed to strengthen fundamental academic skills.

### Students may be enrolled in:

- Mustang Math Additional support and targeted practice for core math concept
- Mustang Literacy Strengthening essential literacy and comprehension skills
- Mustang Numeracy Strengthening key numeracy and problem-solving skills
- Mustang Prep/Multilingual Prep Strengthening reading and math skills through rotating cycles that target literacy, comprehension, numeracy, and problem-solving
- SPED Resource strengthening reading and math skills
- Multilingual Resource focused on acculturation with additional support in reading and math

These interventions are credit-bearing, providing elective credit while supporting academic growth. Special Education and Multilingual supports are integrated into students' programming in grades 9–12.

## Supporting Student Progress Toward the Portrait of a Morton Graduate



## **COLLEGE READY**

Mustang Supports help students build the foundational reading and math skills needed to succeed in college-level courses, including Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, and College Prep classes. By improving academic performance early, students are more likely to meet college readiness indicators such as GPA benchmarks and ACT targets.

#### **CAREER READY**

Strong literacy and numeracy skills are essential for success in career pathway programs, industry credentials, and workplace learning. Mustang Supports equip students with the academic readiness required to participate in these opportunities with confidence.

#### **LIFE READY**

Each 7-week cycle of Mustang Supports includes structured progress monitoring, goal setting, and reflection to help students develop critical life skills – including self-awareness, self-management, and responsible decision-making. These habits foster perseverance, and a growth mindset aligned with life readiness.

#### **Progress Monitoring & Continuous Growth**

Student progress is evaluated at the end of each 7-week cycle using a combination of assessment data, classroom performance, and teacher feedback. These regular reviews ensure students receive the timely, targeted support they need to stay on track toward graduation and postsecondary success.

For additional information about our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) or Mustang Supports, please visit our district MTSS page at: <a href="https://www.morton201.org/morton201academics/multi-tiered-system-of-supports">https://www.morton201.org/morton201academics/multi-tiered-system-of-supports</a>.