Division of Academic Services

2026-2027 School Year Resources and Updates



PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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All Content Areas

Resource	Description	Accessibility	Recommended Usage
Kami	Allows you to transform all your static documents, PDFs, images, or other learning resources into an interactive experience ready for expression, analysis, or debate. Students to interact with teachers, resources, and each other in their preferred medium – text, freehand, audio, voice-typing, or video.	Available to all district users via an extension in Google Chrome	Use as needed to support learning and completion of assignments
Brisk AI	Brisk AI is a Chrome extension that assists teachers with lesson planning utilizing curricular resources, providing feedback, and differentiating content to meet the instructional needs of the students in the classroom.	Available to all teachers K-12 via an extension in Google Chrome	Use as needed to support learning and make lessons interactive
Brainpop Suite	Allows students to deepen their understanding of topics across the curriculum through different activities.	Available to all schools and students: Brainpop Jr. K-2 Brainpop 3-8 Brainpop Science 6-8 Brainpop ELL K-8	Use as an instructional online tool at least two times per month pending content availability

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Learning Ally	Digital library of audiobooks that allows users the ability to engage with text in both a visual and auditory capacity increasing comprehension and vocabulary acquisition.	All students and teachers K-12 in the schools below: Schools 8, 12, 18, 26, 27, Maria Magda O'Keefe, Dr. Hani Awadallah, International High School, Joseph A. Taub, Edward W. Kilpatrick, John F. Kennedy High School	Use as an instructional tool to support student understanding of text (homework, centers station, support tool)
C	Portal for single sign on to district resources for students to make signing in easier through the use of "badges."	All students, teachers and administrators PreK-12	Use daily to assist students with ease of login to district platforms
T	On demand access to tutors 24 hours a day 7 days a week in over 250 subject areas.	All students in grades 6-12	Used as a tool to supplement student understanding outside of school hours with homework and projects

English Language Arts

Resource	Description	Accessibility	Recommended Usage
Amira **(Intervention)**	Digital reading assistant using artificial intelligence and speech recognition, coupled with the Science of Reading to deliver personalized and in-the-moment feedback to support students with their ability to read with continued assessment and monitoring.	All students in grades 3-5	At least 3 stories a week; approx 15 minutes each story
BeAble **(Intervention for ELA & also to be used in Social Studies)**	Supplemental learning system that uses a multi-dimensional approach to ensure that students get the individualized reading support needed to progress continually and meet their academic and post-graduation goals through the integration of literacy acceleration and career exposure.	All students in grades 6-12	At least 4 completed lessons per week; two in ELA and two in Social Studies
Fundations (Core)	Multimodal approach to reading, spelling and handwriting that supports structured literacy aligned to the science of reading.	All students in grades K-2 receiving instruction in English	Use daily as part of the instruction in the ELA block

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Benchmark Advance/ Adelante (Core)	Core resource to support delivery of the curriculum. Digital access is available to both teachers and students to provide continuous access to the resource. Accessible via single sign on in Clever.	K-5 students	Daily
StudySync (Core)	Core resource to support delivery of the curriculum. Digital access is available to both teachers and students to provide continuous access to the resource. *Additional novels beyond what is available in StudySync are also part of the curriculum.	6-12 students	Daily
Benchmark Express	Supplemental reading intervention program intended for ESL instruction.	K-5 students receiving ESL	Used during ESL to support students

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Language Launch new	Language Launch is an intensive intervention program by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt designed to accelerate English acquisition for multilingual learners and newcomers in grades 6-12.	6-12 students enrolled in Supplemental ESL and the Newcomers program	Daily during Supplemental ESL
Read 180 **(Intervention)**	A blended learning intervention program building reading comprehension, academic vocabulary, and writing skills through the use of a digital platform and teacher led small group instruction.	High School students enrolled in Strategic Reading	Use daily as the core instructional resource for this course

Mathematics

Resource	Description	Accessibility	Recommended Usage
Successmaker **(Intervention)**	Digital platform that provides scaffolding and differentiated instruction for each student based on the adaptive, diagnostic assessment taken three times a year. Data from the assessments supports teachers instruction with students in small group learning.	All students in grades 2-8 (except students enrolled in grade 8 Algebra I or Geometry)	At least 3 times a week for 20 minutes each time
ALEKS **(Intervention)**	Digital platform that assists students in mastering course topics through a continuous cycle. Each student begins a new course with a set of knowledge and prerequisite gaps to fill. Through the determination of their baseline knowledge students are provided a learning path to learn and master the topics.	All students in grades 9-12 & 8th grade Algebra I or Geometry	2 hours per week assigned as homework or as part of centers/small group work
Savvas EnVision	Core resource to support delivery of the curriculum. Digital access is available to both teachers and students to provide continuous access to the resource. Accessible via Clever.	All students in grades K-8 (except students enrolled in grade 8 Algebra I or Geometry)	Daily

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McGraw Hill Reveal	Core resource to support delivery of the curriculum. Digital access is available to both teachers and students to provide continuous access to the resource. Accessible via Clever.	All students enrolled in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry	Daily
McGraw Hill Focus on Personal Financial Literacy	Core resource to support delivery of the curriculum. Digital access is available to both teachers and students to provide continuous access to the resource.	All students enrolled in Business Math	Daily
Big Ideas	Core resource to support delivery of the curriculum. Digital access is available to both teachers and students to provide continuous access to the resource. Accessible via Clever.	All students enrolled in Precalculus, Calculus, Statistics	Daily



Use of Intervention Programs

- Follow the recommended usage time with fidelity; monitor usage
- Should not be utilized as the core resource
- Does not replace instruction but rather used to support the learning
- Utilize during centers/small group instruction for students while the teacher works with a group of students to support skill development detailed in data
- Assign for homework to ensure weekly usage time is met
- Usage reports should be reviewed with teachers and identify challenges as to why programs are not being utilized as intended
- All subgroups should be utilizing programs unless told otherwise by either Special Education Supervisor or ESL/Bilingual Supervisor



Science

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Defined Learning	DL is a platform for providing summative projects. It combines project based learning and project based content that accentuates the goals of STEM education. The performance tasks are built around a specific job/industry and ask the students to transfer their knowledge of concepts and skills learned in the classroom to a real world scenario.	All students in grades 3-8	At the end of a unit of study
Newsela	Digital database of articles published in 5 different levels of text complexity allowing students to connect their hands-on science instruction to current events, real world examples of phenomena and gain an understanding of people who have made contributions to the world through scientific discovery.	All students and teachers of science in grades 3-8 will have access to the Science Collection	Weekly to support instruction of the content and to assist in the instruction with the ELA companion standards for Scientific text

Social Studies/Financial Literacy

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MyWorld	Core resource to support delivery of the curriculum. Digital access is available to both teachers and students to provide continuous access to the resource.	All students in grades K-8	Daily
Cengage/National Geographic	Core resource to support delivery of the curriculum. Digital access is available to both teachers and students to provide continuous access to the resource.	All students enrolled in USI, USII, and World History, along with some electives	Daily
Junior Achievement	Supplemental mandatory resource to support the instruction of financial literacy	All students in grade 5	As part of the instruction in the financial literacy period with a mandatory simulation site visit to Biz Town

Fine and Performing Arts



Resource	Description	Accessibility	Recommended Usage
Art of Education	A digital platform providing access to lesson plans and instructional resources exclusively for art education, inclusive of an on-demand professional learning platform for teachers.	All teachers of art, grades K-12, will have access to the lesson plans and resources, as well as the on-demand professional development collection	Weekly to support instruction of the content and for subject specific professional development
Quaver Music	A digital database of ready to use lesson for teachers, along with a library of over 6,500 individual resources that allows teachers to customize lessons for their students. Students have access to the digital tools to create and showcase music,along with Class Play, an interactive song resource library.	All students and teachers of music grades K-8	Weekly to support instruction of the content and engage students in utilizing digital tools for the creation of music

Guidance

Resource	Description	Accessibility	Recommended Usage
Naviance	College & Career Readiness platform that helps students understand their interests, strengths, and needs so you can individualize support to help them reach their goals.	All students in grade 12	4-7 activities per marking period



Health

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Quaver Health	A digital database of ready to use lesson for teachers, along with a library of over 6,500 individual resources that allows teachers to customize lessons for their students.	All students and teachers of health grades K-5	Weekly to support instruction of the content during health periods
Comprehensive Health	Core resource to support delivery of the curriculum. Digital access is available to both teachers and students to provide continuous access to the resource.	All students in grades 6-12	During health periods



Google Classroom Expectations



- All teachers must have a Google Classroom established for the 1st day of school for students.
  - Share the link with the students on their 1st day
- Google classroom should be utilized to post homework/classwork.
- Digital assignments should be uploaded into Google Classroom.
- Set up the guardian email summary report to be sent to parents informing them of missing student assignments, upcoming work and class information.