

St Peter Public Schools Literacy Plan

The goal of the Saint Peter Public School Literacy Plan is to ensure that ALL students at each grade level Kindergarten through Grade 3 are reading with proficiency.

1. To rapidly improve student learning through the implementation of innovative and effective instructional strategies.
2. To rapidly improve student achievement through analysis and utilization of scientifically based research and best practices.
3. To create appropriate interventions, acceleration practices, and strategies to meet the needs of varying student learners.
4. To provide appropriate assessment to support the needs of all learners as we prepare them for third grade.

Statement of process to assess students level of reading proficiency including assessments used, when administered, how proficiency is determined, and when and how results are communicate with parents of students in Kindergarten through Grade 3.

Assessment	Grade levels	Term	Proficiency	Parent Communication
NWEA	K	S	Normed RIT Scores	Parent teacher conferences (F,W,S), teacher communication (ongoing)
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Common Assessments aligned with MCA standards	K, 1, 2, 3	Ongoing	Determined by Professional Learning Communities	Parent teacher conferences (F,W,S), teacher communication (ongoing)
AIMS Web	K, 1, 2, 3	F,W,S Weekly Bi-Monthly Monthly	Benchmark <i>Progress Monitoring</i> Tier 3 Tier 2 Tier 2	Parent teacher conferences (F,W,S), teacher communication (ongoing)
STAR Assessment Accelerated Reader	3	F,W,S	Grade level Lexiles scores, reading level	Parent teacher conferences (F,W,S), teacher communication (ongoing)
Problem Solving Team	K,1,2,3	Administered as needed	Students who remain below 20% proficiency and do not respond to available interventions	Telephone calls, parent meetings, (ongoing)
Special Education Assessment	K,1,2,3	Administered as needed	Students who remain below 5% proficiency on assessments and do not respond to targeted interventions	IEP due process procedures.

Core literacy instruction and Intervention support is aligned with grade-level content standards by

- Professional Learning Communities review and study grade level content standards and test specifications
- Professional Learning Communities align standards with core instruction and assessments
- Professional Learning Communities meet weekly to create guaranteed and viable lessons and assessments
- Professional Learning Communities analyze data to determine individual student needs and to improve instruction for all students
- *Diagnostic assessment facilitates matching of student needs to instruction*
- AIMSweb sub strands analyzed and strategies developed for instruction
- NWEA total RIT scores and sub strand scores analyzed and strategies for interventions and instruction developed and implemented
- MCA III scores and sub strands analyzed and strategies for interventions and instruction developed and implemented
- Fountas and Pinnell diagnostic inventory and screener used with students to identify

- current reading level and growth
- Teacher generated quarterly assessments to screen ongoing progress with MN Foundational Skills and Career and College Readiness Anchor standards

Communication plan and timelines for collaborating with parents on understanding data and existing supports.

- Parents are notified at fall conferences that their child qualifies for intervention or Title I services. Permission slips and parent compacts are signed at that time.
- Parents receive information on their child’s progress seven times per year. (Three conference, and four report cards.)
- Parents are invited to participate in Title I parent nights and meetings.
- Parents are encouraged to become part of the Parent Council.
- Monthly parent newsletters communicate all school events.
- Reading intervention teachers inform parents of student progress through e-mail, individual communication, Reading Corps progress reports, and parent-teacher conferences.

Explain for a public audience what interventions and instructional supports will be available to students not reading at or above grade level in grades Kindergarten through grade 3 and how these interventions will be based on learner data , including how service will be provided, and how parents will be informed of student progress.

Grade Level	Interventions	Instructional supports	Placement data	Services	Parent Information
K, 1,2,3	Reading Intervention in the classroom	Read Naturally, Fountas and Pinnell, Journey’s Intervention Support, Lexia, Orton-Gillingham (Recipe for Reading), Florida Center for Reading Research Intervention, Intervention Central, Raz-Kids	NWEA, AIMSweb, Grade level Checklists, Fountas and Pinnell	Classroom teacher and Title I para professional (Daily)	Ongoing beginning in the Fall.
K, 1, 2, 3	Reading Intervention in the intervention room	Read Naturally, Fountas and Pinnell, Journey’s Intervention Support, Lexia, Orton-Gillingham (Recipe for	NWEA, AIMSweb, Grade level Checklists, Fountas and Pinnell	Reading interventions teacher (Daily)	Ongoing beginning in the Fall

		Reading), Florida Center for Reading Research Intervention, Intervention Central Raz-Kids			
K, 1, 2, 3	Extended Day	Read Naturally, Fountas and Pinnell, Journey's Intervention Support, Lexia, Orton-Gillingha m (Recipe for Reading), Florida Center for Reading Research Intervention, Intervention Central, Raz-Kids	NWEA, AIMSweb, Grade level Checklists, Fountas and Pinnell, success in classroom	Certified teachers and para support (2x's / week)	Prior to session beginning, middle, ending)
K, 1, 2, 3	Extended School Year	Read Naturally, Fountas and Pinnell, Journey's Intervention Support, Lexia, Orton-Gillingha m (Recipe for Reading), Florida Center for Reading Research Intervention, Intervention Central, Raz-Kids	NWEA, AIMSweb, Grade level Checklists, Fountas and Pinnell, success in classroom	Certified teachers and para support (2x's / week)	Prior to session beginning, middle, ending)
K, 1, 2, 3	English Language	Journey's ELL support, Fountas and Pinnell	Classification in language and communication skills	Certified teacher (Daily)	Beginning and ending

K, 1, 2, 3	Academic Enrichment	Journey's enrichment support, Raz-Kids	NWEA, AIMSweb teacher request, parent input,	Certified teacher and volunteers (2x's week)	Beginning, middle, and ending
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Describe how elementary teachers will participate in, benefit from professional development on scientifically-based reading instruction.

- Principal, teacher leaders, regular education and specialist teachers collaborate to make growth for students in grade level, subject areas, within the building and across the district.
- District and school wide leaders regularly analyze services provided and make informed decisions based on data to help regulate services and programs throughout the district.
- Technology is considered whenever innovative practices or regular classroom practices are developed to engage student learners in meaningful and relevant learning activities.
- District wide workshops, training, curriculum committees, and building wide committees focus on professional development of scientifically based instruction for student population.
- Professional Learning Communities that have Targeted Goals focused on literacy and improving student achievement meet regularly through a variety of scheduled times.
 - ü Five Early Release days
 - ü PLC third Thursdays
 - ü Grade level meeting weekly
 - ü Department meeting
 - ü Extra PLC meetings as needed
 - ü Common planning time
- Reading intervention teachers and building principals are trained to deliver core instruction, instructional intervention and reading strategies.
- Reading intervention teachers, building principals, and regular education teachers share expertise with other staff on scientifically based instructional strategies.
- Based upon the student performance data, level of intensity of the specific standard, and the sub strand data, teacher professional development strategies are utilized by teachers in classrooms.
- Strong practices are in place between community groups interested in supporting our goals of improving student achievement. Resources include college students, volunteers, senior volunteers, and parent workers.

Specifically describe how comprehensive scientifically based reading instruction consistent with section 122A.06; subdivision 4 is consistently implemented throughout elementary grades.

- Grade levels have a guaranteed and viable curriculum for all students
- Common planning time, grade level meetings, department meetings provide setting for collaboration and planning of common curriculum and common assessments.
- Common formative assessments are generated within teams to monitor student growth and progress toward the identified goals.
- Curriculum implementation manuals and materials are purchased in compliance with state standards and testing specifications.

Explain how training and support will be provided so that all district elementary teachers can effectively recognize students' diverse needs in cross cultural settings and serve the oral language and linguistic needs of EL students.

- Students will be screened using the WIDA assessment each spring. The WIDA Apt scores are used to

provide data for placement of students who need services for EL. This data will provide planning information for program interventions for students in the EL program.

- Core and intervention supports will parallel the information collected and align with student’s level of need.
- All resources, training, and selection of instructional materials will be based on the needs assessment generated by the school district and EL staff.
- EL staff will be responsible for creating a plan to in-service district teaching staff in areas identified by the needs assessment for embedding staff development for teachers.
- Teachers will practice strategies in their classrooms and share progress and successes.

Post assessment methods and data that is submitted to Commissioner annually includes objective of the assessment program, names of test, grade level of administration as part of local literacy plan on district webpage for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 3

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- District and school wide leaders annually begin the school year with a Data Retreat where all assessment data is compiled and analyzed for strength and areas for improvement.
- Based upon the data and analysis of data, teachers gather at opening workshop to review and create school wide/grade level SMART goals to help direct their school improvement strategies.
- Professional Learning Communities that have Targeted Goals focused on literacy and improving student achievement meet regularly through a variety of scheduled times.
 - ü Five Early Release days
 - ü PLC 18 times/year
 - ü Grade level meeting monthly
 - ü Department meeting
 - ü Extra PLC meetings as needed
- Data review is ongoing and involves analyzing data, developing strategies if student did not learn what was intended, developing strategies if students already knew what was intended, and to continue with ideas for reteaching and enrichment.

NWEA Measure of Academic Progress-Reading (Spring)	2011 %Aver.& Above	2012 %Aver.& Above	2013 %Aver.& Above	2014 %Aver.& Above	2015 %Aver.& Above
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GRADE					
K	NA	NA	NA	89.2	85.1
1	NA	NA	74.8	81.8	91.6
2	NA	NA	NA	76	81.4
3*(Fall)	67.8	73.9	73.0	79.4	NA

- Teacher teams monitor and plan for common assessments that align with the standards and provide evidence that students are moving toward proficiency and beyond.
- At each meeting the next steps are developed and meeting minutes and responsibilities are developed for team members.

Percentage of Students Exceeding the National Norm

MCA II Reading

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Grade 3 Reading	80.4%	90.3%	77.6%	70.7%	70.6%

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS IN ELA/LITERACY

College and Career Readiness (CCR) Standards

The K–12 grade-specific standards define a cumulative progression designed to enable students to meet college and career readiness expectations no later than the end of high school. The Standards use individual grade levels in kindergarten through grade 8 to provide useful specificity. The Standards use two-year bands in grades 9–12 to allow schools, districts, and states flexibility in high school course design.

A focus on results rather than means

By emphasizing required achievements, the Standards leave room for teachers, curriculum developers, and states to determine how those goals should be reached and what additional topics should be addressed. Thus, the Standards do not mandate such things as a particular writing process or the full range of metacognitive strategies that students may need to monitor and direct their thinking and learning. Teachers are thus free to provide students with whatever tools and knowledge their professional judgment and experience identify as most helpful for meeting the goals set out in the Standards.

An integrated model of literacy

Although the Standards are divided into Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, and Language strands for conceptual clarity, the processes of communication are closely connected, as reflected throughout this document.

Research and media skills blended into the Standards as a whole

To be ready for college, workforce training, and life in a technological society, students need the ability to gather, comprehend, evaluate, synthesize, and report on information and ideas. They also need to conduct original research in order to answer questions or solve problems, as well as analyze and create a high volume and extensive range of print and nonprint texts in media forms old and new. Research and media skills and understandings are embedded throughout the Standards rather than treated in a separate section.

Shared responsibility for students' literacy development

The Standards insist that instruction in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language be a shared responsibility within the school. The K–5 standards include expectations for reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language applicable to a range of subjects, including but not limited to ELA. Most of the

required reading in college and workforce training programs is informational in structure and challenging in content; postsecondary education programs typically provide students with a higher volume of such reading than is generally required in K–12 schools.