



Report on the Ambitious Instruction Reading Plan

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Five Priorities for Success







Formative Practices

AMBITIOUS
INSTRUCTION:
ACCELERATING
LEARNING INSTRUCTIONAL PROPERTY OF



Explicit Instruction



Engagement

Research that Supports Our Reading Instructional Design

- Studies tell us that when students who are behind are given grade-appropriate assignments, the gap between these students and their higher achieving peers narrows. (TNTP, 2018)
- Differentiated instruction is an inclusive instructional practice that enables teachers to meet the needs of all learners in academically diverse classrooms. (Graham et al., 2020; Pozas and Letzel, 2020)

Reading Instructional Design

Time Expectations

- Pre-K integrated
- K5–5th grade –
 90-minute block
- 6th–8th grade **60-minute block**
- 6th–8th grade traditional middle schools/HS* – class period

Explicit Instruction



Whole Group

Explicit instruction based on grade level standards

> MINI-LESSON SCAFFOLD

Engagement



Teacher-Led Small Group

Other students are working in collaborative groups or engaged in independent practice

> DIFFERENTIATE and/or SCAFFOLD

Formative Practice



Whole Group

Share, assess, and determine next steps

REVISIT FOCUS

^{*}reading intervention classes

Reading Curriculum K3–K4



Comprehensive Pre-Kindergarten
Curriculum

Strengths of Frog Street Aligned with MPS Strategic Plan

Teaches phonological awareness, letters and sounds, and print concepts in an explicit, systematic approach

Supports safe classrooms through daily embedded social-emotional learning

Reading Curriculum K5–8th

- Our reading curriculum provides systematic phonics instruction
- K5–2nd grade curriculum includes decodable readers
- Aligned to Wisconsin standards
- The three cueing system is not included in instructional materials or running record assessments



K5–5th grade Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Into Reading 2022



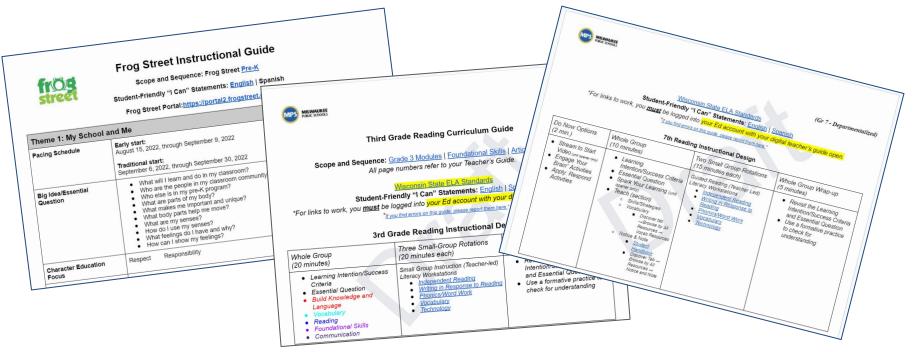


6th–8th
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Into Literature 2022



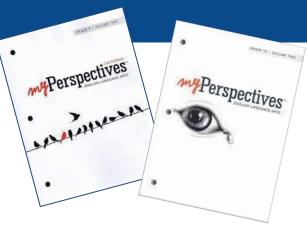
7th and 8th bilingual

Instructional Guides PreK-8th



High School Curriculum

- myPerspectives curriculum
- Professional development
 - myPerspectives (9th and 10th grade)
 - Before, during, and after reading strategies (content-area teachers)
 - Monthly training (reading intervention teachers)



Ambitious Instruction Reflects the Science of Reading

We provide ongoing training on science-based literacy instruction.

- Small-group instruction includes instruction in the areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension as well as writing in response to reading
- 2023 Summer Reading Institute (K5–8th)
- Curriculum training
- LETRS training pre-K–3rd
- Pre-K–K Summer Institute
- Play clinics to coach teachers on strategies that support oral language
- Science of Reading book study

2023 Summer Reading Institute



Ambitious Instruction Innovative Ideas

Strengthening the Core

- Oracy
- Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale
- Shared reading year-long cohorts
- Lexia Core5
- Amira pilot
- In-depth small-group instruction training
- District literacy coaches



Promoting a Culture of Reading

- Five Project Lit chapters (National Book Club)
 Milwaukee School of Languages, Bay View, Pulaski, Vincent, GreenTree
- Partnership with Milwaukee Public Library
- Monthly booklist (MPS Reads)
- Culturally responsive libraries and PD
- Professional development in building a culture of reading in the classroom/district

Ambitious Instruction in Action

Monifa Lacking – 3rd grade teacher at Kluge

- In-depth training/Summer Institute
- Instructional guides
- Impact

María Colón – School support teacher/5th grade bilingual teacher at Greenfield

- Oracy paragraph presentation
- Multiple pathways
- Video, think-pair-square

Janet Budney – Program support teacher, specialized services

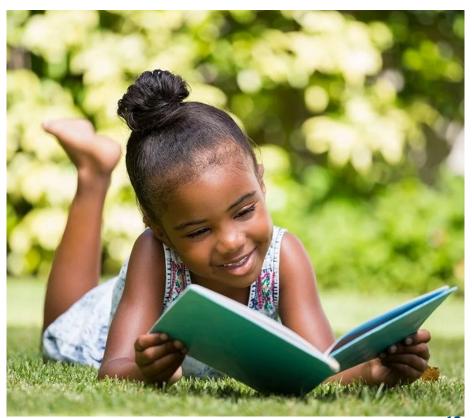
- LETRS training
- Supports and adaptations for early literacy experiences
- Meeting IEP goals through specially designed instruction



Ambitious Instruction Beyond the Classroom

Promote Summer Reading

- Passport to Summer Reading
- Summer reading tips in newsletter
- MPS Reads special edition
- Summer reading options
 - Summer Academy (K5–12)
 - Virtual tutoring (pre-K–12)
 - Seesaw (K5–2nd)
 - My Books Summer (reading take-home packs) (K4–5th)
 - Free audio books (8–12)
 - Milwaukee Public Library Summer Reading Challenge (pre-K–12)



Ambitious Instruction Beyond the Classroom

Upcoming

- Parent workshops
- Parent classroom volunteers
- Read-in
- Reading motivation idea videos
- Road trip reading activities



