

**Lake of the Woods School District #390
Local Literacy Plan**

Statement of Goals and Objectives:

Lake of the Woods School District will ensure that every student will be reading at or above grade level no later than the end of grade 3 by providing research based instruction in the five areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension as measured by the third grade MCAs. Reading proficiency is defined as students being able to read at grade level with fluency, accuracy, comprehension, and with appropriate expression.

According to the Spring 2021 MCA data, 21% met or exceeded the cut score, 23% partially met the cut score, 49% did not meet the cut score, and 7% did not take the test. Of the third graders in the Free and Reduced Lunch group, 11% met or exceeded the cut score, 33% partially met the cut score, 33% did not meet the cut score, and 22% did not take the test. The goal is to increase reading proficiency for all students by at least 5% per year until 100% of students meet or exceed academic standards.

Lake of the Woods School District uses a balanced literacy approach to teach reading. A balanced literacy approach includes a combination of whole group, small group, and individualized instruction to meet all students' needs in reading. Areas of instruction include: phonics and decoding skills, vocabulary development, fluency when reading, and comprehension skills. Title I and classroom remediation will be provided for students not making adequate growth to meet grade level goals. Special Education services are also provided for those students who qualify. Those students have an Individual Education Plan developed based on their needs to help them make growth in reading.

Statement of Process to Assess Students Level of Reading Proficiency:

To determine if students are meeting grade level expectations instructors follow a process of using assessments that include screenings, diagnostic, and progress monitoring. Benchmark screenings are often quick measures of overall ability and critical skills known to be strong indicators that predict student performance. Benchmark screenings are done with all students in the fall and spring of the year. Initial screening is done using Title I assessments and Fastbridge. Additional assessments with QRI and PRESS may be used to determine where each child is at in their reading journey and where they may need additional instruction to meet expectations. This diagnostic testing is used to determine classroom lessons based on the needs of the children to include whole group, small group, and individual instruction. Progress monitoring is used to determine if the children are making adequate progress throughout the school year.

All student reading achievement data is reviewed by grade level instructors and the Title I staff using the tools listed in the table below. All students are monitored informally on a monthly basis. Staff reviews and reports progress to parents on a quarterly basis.

Grade Level	Assessment Source	Assessment	Frequency and Administrator	Benchmark Cut Score (spring)
Kindergarten				
	FASTBridge Screening	Rhyming	Fall Title One and/or Classroom Teacher	14 correct or higher

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	FASTBridge	Letter Names	Fall Classroom Teacher	Less than 2 errors
	FASTBridge	Letter Sounds	Fall, Winter, Spring Classroom Teacher	41 correct per min
	FASTBridge	Word Segmenting	Winter, Spring Classroom Teacher	30 correct or higher
	FastBridge	Concepts of Print	Fall	12 correct or higher
		Onset Sounds	Fall, Winter	16 correct or higher
		Decodable Words	Winter, Spring	12 correct/min.
		Sight Words	Spring	13 correct/min.
First Grade				
	FASTBridge	Sight Words	Fall, Winter, Spring Classroom Teacher	67 correct or more
	FASTBridge	Word Segmenting	Fall, Winter, Spring Classroom Teacher	32 correct or more
	FASTBridge	Decodable Words	Fall, Winter, Spring Classroom Teacher	15 correct/min.
	FASTBridge	CBM-R	Winter, Spring Classroom Teacher	71 wcpm or higher
Second Grade				
	FASTBridge	aReading	Fall, Winter, Spring Classroom Teacher	Score of 489 or higher
	FASTBridge	CBM-R	Fall, Winter, Spring Classroom Teacher	106 wcpm or higher
	FASTBridge	AutoReading	Fall, Winter, Spring	Score of 490 or higher

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Third Grade Fourth Grade Fifth Grade Sixth Grade				
	FASTBridge	aReading	Fall, Winter, Spring Classroom Teacher	3rd: Score of 503 or higher 4th: Score of 514 or higher 5th: Score of 520 or higher 6th: Score of 524 or higher
	FASTBridge	CBM-R	Fall, Winter, Spring Classroom Teacher	3rd: 131 wcpm or higher 4th: 147 wcpm or higher 5th: 162 wcpm or higher 6th: 171 wcpm or higher
	FASTBridge	AutoReading (encoding, identification, vocabulary)	Fall, Winter, Spring	3rd: Score of 503 or higher 4th: Score of 513 or higher 5th: Score of 520 or higher 6th: Score of 524 or higher

The teachers will use the results of the testing, screening, and progress monitoring to help create whole group, small group, and/or individual reading intervention instruction for the students. Groups for instruction are changed based on the needs of the children. Proficiency is determined at each grade level based on assessment as referenced in the table above.

Teachers have created a notification form for grade level reporting that includes assessments used for benchmarking. This information is discussed during fall and spring parent/teacher conferences and sent home with the end of year report card. Progress monitoring reports are sent home with quarterly report cards for all students receiving intervention services.

Parent Notification and Involvement:

Lake of the Woods School has a parent resource library so that parents can find literature on parenting, children, and learning. We also keep parents informed on the benchmarks from the state standards during parent/teacher conferences, so they are aware of what skills their child needs at each grade level. Progress reports are sent home with quarterly report cards for all students. This helps parents understand what their child is expected to learn each year in each subject and what parents can do at home to help their students succeed. End of the year reports for all students are sent home to parents that show student performance and cut scores on MCA's and FASTBridge assessments.

Intervention and Instructional Supports/Curriculum and Instruction:

The curriculum and reading instruction used at Lake of the Woods Elementary is aligned with and based on the English Language Arts (ELA) Academic Standards set in 2010. Teachers use the standards as a baseline for determining areas of instruction. This instruction is inclusive of the five research-based areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension as outlined by the ELA standard benchmarks at each grade level. Skills introduced in kindergarten are built upon in subsequent grades. Teachers participate in cross-grade level teams to discuss current instructional methods related to the ELA Academic Standards. Cross-grade level teams collaborate and focus on the literacy practices, instructional strategies, and assessment results for students that achieve below, at, and above grade level in reading. In the spring of 2021 the elementary adopted a new reading curriculum to be used by all teachers, called myView Literacy by Savvas. This curriculum was implemented in Fall of 2021. All elementary teachers are also required to take the LETRS reading course. Teachers are divided into two

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cohorts, one that began in spring of 2021 and the other that begins in fall of 2021. LETRS provides teachers with the skills they need to master the fundamentals of reading instruction—phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, writing, and language, in order to increase student achievement. Part 2 of the LETRS training will begin in the Fall of 2022.

Lake of the Woods Elementary implements a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) to meet the needs of all learners. The MTSS involves varying levels of support for individual students, including academic and behavioral supports. When fully implemented, each student will receive the amount of support he or she needs as noted below:

- **Core Classroom Instruction:** All students receive core instruction. The classroom teacher works with whole or small groups and individual students depending on students' academic needs. Every student in grades K-6 will be screened for difficulties in reading.
- **Individualized Intervention:** Students are identified for intervention based on benchmark data. Students who need additional support receive small group interventions in addition to core classroom instruction. These interventions could occur in or outside the classroom for 10-30 minutes five days per week. The classroom teacher or another trained staff member may provide these interventions using resources from System 44, Read 180, and PRESS. Students receive this intervention until they read at grade level. The school will notify the parent and provide a personal learning plan called a parent compact for a student that is unable to demonstrate grade-level proficiency. This compact will be sent home with the student.
- **Intensive Intervention:** Students receiving intensive intervention have been identified through the MTSS process. Intensity and duration is determined by each student's individualized needs as determined by the MTSS Problem Solving Team. Trained specialists provide these interventions using resources from System 44, Read 180, The Barton System for Decoding and Systematic Reading Instruction, extra fluency instruction, and/or extra sight word instruction.

Dyslexia Screening Procedures

- Lake of the Woods School District will identify, before the end of kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 all students who are not reading at grade level. Students identified as not reading at grade level by the end of kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 will be screened for characteristics of dyslexia, unless a different reason for the reading difficulty has been identified.
- Students in grade 3 or higher who demonstrate a reading difficulty to a classroom teacher will be screened for characteristics of dyslexia, unless a different reason for the reading difficulty has been identified.
- Lake of the Woods School District will annually report to the Commissioner of Education by July 1 a summary of the district's efforts to screen and identify students with:
 - Dyslexia, using screening tools recommended by the Minnesota Department of Education's dyslexia specialist; or
 - Convergence insufficiency disorder.
- A student identified as having reading difficulty will be provided with alternate instruction under Minn. Stat 125A.56, Subd. 1.
- The district's screening procedures are found at <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/prof/Dyslexia/>

Professional Development on Scientifically-Based Reading Instruction:

Lake of the Woods School's staff development committee is committed to reading trainings and inservice time dedicated to reading instruction. It has been, and will continue to be, a priority for future staff training. Our school has Professional Learning Communities (PLC) organized and promoted across the district. The staff has had training from Learning Science International on Monitoring for Learning and

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Targets and Scales. PLC work is focused on continuation of work in these areas for reading. This work is job-embedded taking place on early release days with teachers reviewing assessment data, student work, and planning instruction. PLC teams will meet weekly for an hour each session. The Lake of the Woods Elementary believes all children will read by 3rd grade and has committed to that goal with teacher training.

Student Support Systems for English Learners:

There are no English Learners (EL) in our district at this time. The EL supervisor/Title staff will meet with staff to coordinate training and support systems in the event this population grows. EL will be supported in reading academics with a balanced literacy curriculum used by the Lake of the Woods Elementary and support from the MTSS process.

Communication System for Annual Reporting:

Lake of the Woods School District's Local Literacy plan is displayed in a prominent location on the district website. The District webpage includes a link to the Minnesota Department of Education website for access to student achievement data. Please follow this link to [MDE Data Center](#) for our district's report card. The district will submit all required data to the Commissioner according to Minnesota Statute.

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Please contact the elementary principal or superintendent with any comments, questions, or feedback. The district seeks feedback from stakeholders through a Title I Advisory Committee and opportunities for public input are available at monthly school board meetings.

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