

Eden Prairie School District 272 Ends Policy Monitoring Report

Policy Name:

Ends ~~1.1~~ 1.2 Each student is reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

Monitoring Timeline:

July 2021 to June 2022

Policy Quadrant: Ends Policy

Date of School Board Monitoring:

Ol: June 28, 2021

Evidence: October 2021

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Operational Interpretation:

1. I interpret *each student* as every student enrolled in the Eden Prairie Schools, and for whom data exists to include in the report. *Each* also indicates that achievement disparities will not be **predictable** exist between racial and service student groups.
2. I interpret *reading at grade level* as a student's demonstration of proficiency through a body of evidence including state, district, and classroom assessments.
3. I interpret 3rd grade reading proficiency at grade level in two out of three aligned assessment tools.

Justification:

Eden Prairie's strategic mission is to inspire each student to learn continuously so they are empowered to reach personal fulfillment and contribute purposefully to our ever-changing world. Our focus on "each" learner shows a commitment to the success of each individual student; that each learner's needs are met so they may achieve personal and district expectations regardless of race, socio-economic group, or service group defined by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

Grade level reading proficiency ~~can~~ **should** be identified by multiple assessment tools. Sound research and measurement practices recommend the triangulation of data for each student to identify proficiency. One measure should not determine proficiency or mastery of district and state expectations. Using multiple assessment methods reduces bias and provides a more comprehensive view of learning for students, teachers, and parents.

Eden Prairie Schools uses in a balanced assessment system which includes a body of evidence to support data informed instruction and learning, continuous improvement, and data driven programing and practices. This body of evidence includes:

- Long-cycle: State and national assessments
- Mid-cycle: Universal screening and benchmark assessments
- Short-cycle: Classroom assessments

Long-Cycle: State and national assessments

The MN K-12 Academic Standards in English Language Arts define the proficiency requirement for reading, writing, speaking, viewing, listening, media literacy, and language standards for all school districts in the state **and are measured by the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA)**. For students whom the MCA is not appropriate, the alternate MCA is given.

Mid-Cycle: Universal screening and benchmark assessments

Universal screening and benchmark assessments are used to evaluate where students are in their learning progress and determine whether they are on-track to perform well on future assessments, such as high-stakes tests like the MCA. Mid-cycle assessments are administered periodically during a course or school year (e.g., three times a year) and are administered separately from the process of instructing students. These assessments provide information on student’s trajectory (i.e., where each child stands in relation to grade-level learning goals, skills, and standards), as well as the progress towards those targets (Great Schools Partnership, 2013).

Universal screening and benchmark assessments offer multiple insights and advantages, including:

- Measuring student achievement and growth over time
- Identifying student learning needs
- Identifying patterns and/or trends in learning for individual students or groups of students
- Providing an administrative level view for tracking progress toward critical milestones

Short-Cycle: Classroom Assessments - This assessment tool is not used as part of the measurement plan.

~~Three tools will be used at the third grade level to measure reading proficiency for each student.~~

- ~~1. The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) and the Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) are the state tests that help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota’s academic standards.~~
- ~~2. Broad reading ability, assessed by FastBridge aReading.~~
- ~~3. Oral reading fluency, assessed by Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) passages administered through FastBridge CBM-R.~~

~~These three tools provide a balanced assessment approach and allow for the triangulation of data to report grade level proficiency for each student. The percentage of students proficient as identified by race, socio-economic, and student service groups.~~

Citations:

- Great Schools Partnership. “Interim Assessment Definition.” *The Glossary of Education Reform*, 30 Oct. 2013, www.edglossary.org/interim-assessment/.
- MDE Statewide Testing (2021) - <https://education.mn.gov/mde/fam/tests/>
- National Governors Association Center for Best Practices & Council of Chief State School Officers. (2010). *Common Core State Standards*. Washington, DC: Authors.
- University of Oregon Center on Teaching and Learning (2021). “UO DIBELS® Data System.” *EasyCBM Reading : Using Oral Reading Fluency Measures*, Center on Teaching & Learning: University of Oregon, dibels.uoregon.edu/assessment/reading/.

Measurement Plan:

I. Description of the Measurement Tools:

Proficient in Two of Three Aligned Reading Assessments: Proficient students have met the standards in two out of the three following assessments by the end of 3rd grade. *Results will include the demographic breakdown by racial and service student groups.*

(1 of 3) Long-Cycle: Assessed by the Minnesota State MCA/Alternate MCA Assessments

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) and the alternate Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (Alt. MCA) are the state assessments that measure student progress toward Minnesota’s academic standards and meet federal and state legislative requirements. Most students take the MCA, and students who receive special education services and meet eligibility requirements may take the alternative assessment. MCA/Alt. MCA are used to determine how well districts have aligned curriculum to and instructed students in the Minnesota Academic Standards in reading.

MCA/Alt. MCA Student Reading Achievement Levels (according to MDE Statewide Testing, 2021):

- Exceeds the standards
- Meets the standards
- Partially meets the standards
- Does not meet the standards

For MCA/Alt. MCA, students who achieve at the levels of “exceeds the standards” or “meets the standards” are deemed to meet the standards of this assessment.

(2 of 3) Mid-Cycle: Assessed by the FastBridge aReading Universal Screener/Benchmark Assessment

The FastBridge aReading assessment is based on ten years of research built upon the recommendations of the National Reading Panel (2000). aReading received the highest possible rating for validity, reliability, and diagnostic accuracy from the Center on Multi-Tiered System of Supports, formerly the National Center for Response to Intervention, and aReading has been cross validated with the National Common Core Standards (2010). Substantial research evidence shows that aReading provides a robust estimate of broad reading achievement in grades 2-6. aReading is a universal screening tool to (a) personalize instruction for each student and (b) identify students at risk for academic gaps.

FastBridge aReading Student Reading Achievement Levels:

- Exceeds targets (not available for earlyReading and earlyMath)
- Low risk (On track for grade level/developmental benchmarks)
- Some risk (Supports may be needed to meet grade level/developmental benchmarks)

- High risk (Additional supports needed to meet grade level/developmental benchmarks)

For FastBridge aReading, students who achieve at the levels of “exceeds targets” or “low risk” are deemed to meet the standards of this assessment.

(3 of 3) Mid-Cycle: Assessed by the FastBridge CBM-R Oral Reading Fluency Universal Screener/Benchmark Assessment

The FastBridge Curriculum-Based Measurement for Reading (CBM-R) assessment is based on oral reading fluency (ORF) measures. These measures are a standardized set of passages with corresponding administration procedures designed to (a) identify children who may need additional instructional support and (b) monitor progress toward instructional goals. CBM-R serves as a broad reading measure that integrates word identification skills with comprehension to indicate a child’s progress related to grade level standards for reading (University of Oregon Center on Teaching and Learning, 2021).

FastBridge CBM-R Student Reading Achievement Levels:

- Exceeds targets (not available for earlyReading and earlyMath)
- Low risk (On track for grade level/developmental benchmarks)
- Some risk (Supports may be needed to meet grade level/developmental benchmarks)
- High risk (Additional supports needed to meet grade level/developmental benchmarks)

For FastBridge CBM-R, students who achieve at the levels of “exceeds targets” or “low risk” are deemed to meet the standards of this assessment.

Short Cycle: Classroom assessments are *not* used in this data triangulation.

II. Targets:

Proficient in Two of Three Aligned Reading Assessments: Target for ~~2020-2021~~ 2021-2022

- 78% of 3rd grade students will be proficient in two of the three aligned reading assessments.

Citations:

- Center on Multi-Tiered System of Supports at the American Institutes for Research. (2021). *Academic Screening Tools Chart | Center on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support*. Academic Screening Tools Chart. <https://mtss4success.org/resource/academic-screening-tools-chart>
- MDE Statewide Testing (2021) - <https://education.mn.gov/mde/fam/tests/>

- National Governors Association Center for Best Practices & Council of Chief State School Officers. (2010). *Common Core State Standards*. Washington, DC: Authors.
- National Reading Panel (U.S.) & National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (U.S.). (2000). *Report of the National Reading Panel: Teaching children to read: an evidence-based assessment of the scientific research literature on reading and its implications for reading instruction*. U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.
- University of Oregon Center on Teaching and Learning (2021). “UO DIBELS® Data System.” *EasyCBM Reading : Using Oral Reading Fluency Measures*, Center on Teaching & Learning: University of Oregon, dibels.uoregon.edu/assessment/reading/.

Evidence:

Proficient in Two of Three Aligned Reading Assessments:

Policy Monitoring FOR BOARD USE ONLY

- OI is/is not reasonable
- Data does/does not provide adequate evidence of compliance. *Include specific evidence for rating conclusion and recommendations.*

Board member name: *(enter rating and reasoning when appropriate)*

Statement of Assertion

Board Member's Summarizing Comments