

K-5 Evolution of Reading

New Fairfield Public Schools
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What Matters Most in Improving Achievement

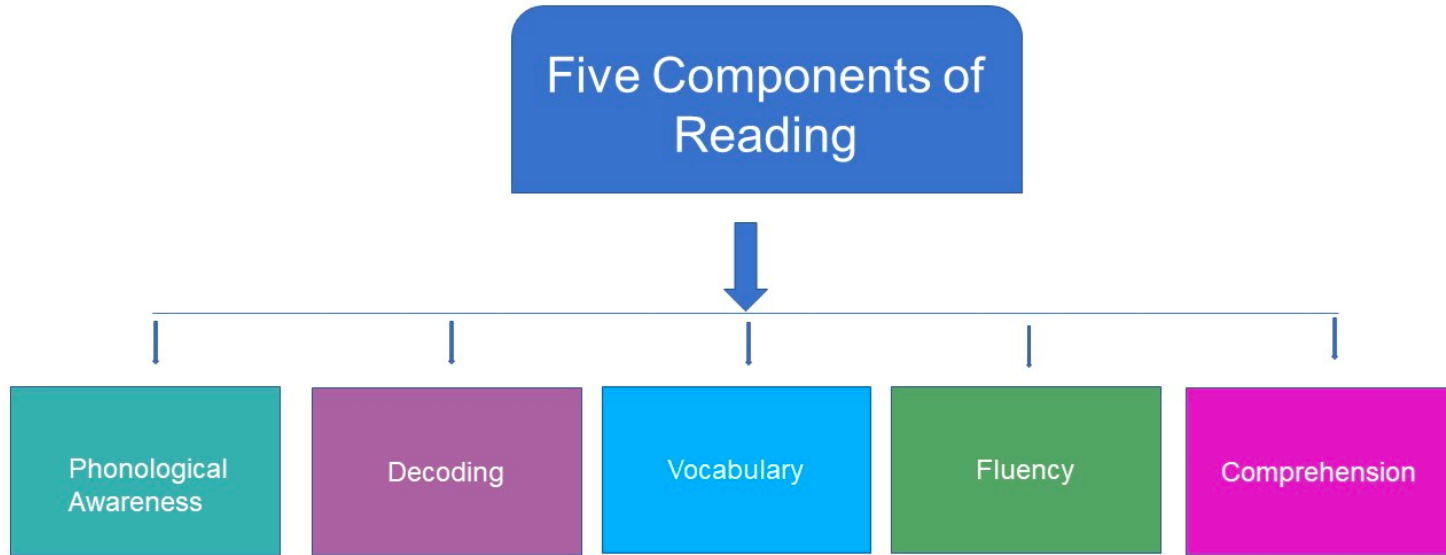
“The overall knowledge and skill of the individual teacher is the most important factor in student achievement. It dwarfs everything else”

-John Saphier

-and it's directly tied to closing achievement gaps.

Marshall Memo December 2023

Critical Components of Literacy



Our Pathway: Evolution of Reading Instruction in NF

- Prioritizing standards and timely assessment to help us inform instruction for our students.
- Teachers use data to inform instruction.
 - As we build capacity in standards-based planning and instruction we have seen an increase in individual student growth in literacy.



Meeting House was named a School of Distinction for overall growth and achievement on Smarter Balanced Assessment in reading in 2022-2023.

Our Pathway: Evolution of Reading Instruction in NF

Building Teacher Capacity	Key Literacy Skills	Instructional Resource
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support/training with literacy/dyslexia consultant around the critical components of literacy. (2020) • Foundations Training in explicit instruction of phonics (2019 and reboot in 2023) • DIBELS training in assessing and progress monitoring early literacy skills (2023) <p>Literacy Coaching to support differentiated instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Serravallo- Strategies of Reading (2019) • Ongoing professional learning with reading consultant to support small group instruction (2020-present) • Instructional coaches modeling and supporting small group instruction 	Phonological Awareness	K-2 Foundations(2019), K-1 Heggerty (2022)
	Phonics / Decoding	K-2 Foundations (2019), 3-5 Spelling Connections (2019)
	Vocabulary	K-5 Teacher College Units of Study (2011)
	Fluency	K-2 Foundations(2019)
	Comprehension	K-5 Teacher College Units of Study (2011)

Literacy Pilot: Scope

Scope	What does this look like?	Prior Considerations
Single Unit	6-8 weeks of instruction of one unit within one of the selected resources	Units selected will fit into the current scope and sequence of instruction for the grade level.

2 teachers per team per grade K-5
per resource



At each grade level each 4 total classrooms
piloting.

Literacy Pilot: Winter/Spring 2024

Resources Selected to Pilot	Overarching Evaluative Considerations	Literacy Component
Great Minds: Wit and Wisdom Comprehension / Vocabulary/Fluency	Does the program support explicit, systematic, sequential and cumulative instruction of fluency, vocabulary and comprehension?	<input type="checkbox"/> Comprehension <input type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary <input type="checkbox"/> Fluency
Open-Up Resources: Bookworms Comprehension / Vocabulary/Fluency	How does the program work together with our existing programs to function as a comprehensive literacy curriculum?	