

Minnesota READ Act Literacy Plan for 2024-25

For

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07)

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This is the Local Literacy Plan submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) by BlueSky Charter School (4082-07). This plan is a requirement of the Minnesota READ Act, [Minn. Stat. 120B.12 \(2024\)](#). The Local Literacy Plan must be updated annually and submitted to MDE by June 15th. The plan must also be posted to the district or charter school's official website.

Minnesota READ Act Goal

The goal of the READ Act is to have every Minnesota child reading at or above grade level every year, beginning in kindergarten, and to support multilingual learners and students receiving special education services in achieving their individualized reading goals in order to meet grade level proficiency. [Minn. Stat. 120B.12 \(2024\)](#).

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1. Read Act Goals

District or Charter School Literacy Goals

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07)'s literacy goal(s) for the 2024-25 school year:

50% or more of students in grades 6-11 will have a Renaissance Star Reading SGP of 50 or higher from fall to spring each year.

The following was implemented or changed to make progress towards the goal(s):

This year, we defined Reading at Grade Level based on a percentile ranking from Renaissance Star Reading. We automatically offered reading intervention to all students who didn't demonstrate reading at grade level.

The following describes how BlueSky Charter School (4082-07)'s current student performance differs from the literacy goal detailed in the READ Act:

According to Star Renaissance Data and internal measures, 337/443 students (77%) have demonstrated reading at grade level.

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07)'s literacy goal(s) for the 2025-26 school year:

50% or more of students in grades 6-11 will have a Renaissance Star Reading SGP of 50 or higher from fall to spring each year.

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07)'s Local Literacy Plan is posted on the district website at:

<https://www.blueskyschool.org/about/plans/>

2. Screening Tools K-3

The Minnesota READ Act requires that all students in grades K-3 are universally screened for mastery of foundational reading skills and characteristics of dyslexia in Fall, Winter and Spring using an MDE approved screening tool.

The table below details the screening tool used by BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) and the criteria used to determine if students are reading at benchmark. It also includes any additional screening tools utilized.

Screening Tools Used for Grades K-3:

Grade Level	Screening Tool Used	Criteria Used to Determine Benchmark	Additional Screeners
Kindergarten	Grade level not served	Grade level not served	NA
Grade 1	Grade level not served	Grade level not served	NA
Grade 2	Grade level not served	Grade level not served	NA
Grade 3	Grade level not served	Grade level not served	NA

3. Screening Summary Student Counts Grade K-3

Universal screening for foundational reading skills for BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) resulted in the following number of students screened and scoring at or above benchmark at each screening time point:

Grade	Number of Students Universally Screened: Fall	Number of Students at or Above Benchmark: Fall	Number of Students Universally Screened: Winter	Number of Students at or Above Benchmark: Winter	Number of Students Universally Screened: Spring	Number of Students at or Above Benchmark: Spring
Kindergarten	0	CTSTR	0	CTSTR	0	CTSTR
Grade 1	0	CTSTR	0	CTSTR	0	CTSTR
Grade 2	0	CTSTR	0	CTSTR	0	CTSTR
Grade 3	0	CTSTR	0	CTSTR	0	CTSTR

NOTE: As a standard practice when reporting public data, the Minnesota Department of Education will not report results if fewer than 10 students participated. CTSTR = Counts too small to report

4. Dyslexia Screening Summary Student Counts K-3

The following section describes how BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) engaged in screening for characteristics of dyslexia, and the number of students demonstrating characteristics of dyslexia. NOTE: demonstrating characteristics of dyslexia is not the same as a diagnosis of dyslexia.

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) used the following process to administer the Nonsense Words subtest to measure decoding skills in grades 2 and 3:

Grade level not served

The following criteria was used to determine which students are demonstrating characteristics of dyslexia:

Grade level not served

Dyslexia Screening Summary Student Counts K-3

Grade	Number of Students Screened for Dyslexia	Number of Students Demonstrating Characteristics of Dyslexia
Kindergarten	0	CTSTR
Grade 1	0	CTSTR
Grade 2	0	CTSTR
Grade 3	0	CTSTR

NOTE: As a standard practice when reporting public data, the Minnesota Department of Education will not report results if fewer than 10 students participated. CTSTR = Counts too small to report

5. Screening Tools 4-12

The Minnesota READ Act requires that students in grades 4-12 who are not reading at grade level be screened for characteristics of dyslexia. In the 2024-25 school year the tool(s) used for dyslexia screening was locally determined.

The table below details the screening tool(s) used by BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) to perform dyslexia screening and the criteria used to determine if students are demonstrating characteristics of dyslexia.

Dyslexia Screening Tools Used in Grades 4-12 in School Year 2024-25

Grade(s)	Screening Tool Used	Screening Tool Vendor	Criteria/ Benchmark Used
Grade 4			
Grade 5			
Grade 6	Star CBM	Renaissance	CPM
Grade 7			
Grade 8			
Grade 9			
Grade 10			
Grade 11			
Grade 12			

The MDE approved tool for screening for characteristics of dyslexia for students in grades 4-12 is Capti ReadBasix. Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, this tool must be used to screen students who are not reading at grade level for characteristics of dyslexia.

The following method will be used by BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) to determine which students in grades 4-12 are not reading at grade level:

The plan for both the frequency and timing (e.g. Fall, Winter, Spring) of administration of Capti ReadBasix for students in grades 4-12 who are not reading at grade level is locally determined and includes:

We screen students in grades 6-11 three times a year using Star Reader from Renaissance. Using locally determined cut scores we will decide what level is Reading at Grade level. This past year was 40th percentile. As of writing this plan, we plan to establish cut scores correlated to grade level.

6. Dyslexia Screening Summary Student Counts Grades 4-12 (Optional for 2024-25 School Year)

The following table displays the number of students in BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) who were identified as not reading at grade level, were screened for characteristics of dyslexia, and are demonstrating characteristics of dyslexia. NOTE: demonstrating characteristics of dyslexia is not the same as a diagnosis of dyslexia. (The reporting of this data is optional for the 2024-25 school year)

Grade	Total Number of Students in Grade Level	Number of Students Identified as Not Reading at Grade Level Who Were Screened	Number of Students Demonstrating Characteristics of Dyslexia	Number of Students Identified as Not Reading at Grade Level Who Were Opted Out of Screening
4th	0	CTSTR	CTSTR	0
5th	0	CTSTR	CTSTR	0
6th	28	CTSTR	CTSTR	3
7th	40	CTSTR	CTSTR	10
8th	59	CTSTR	CTSTR	21
9th	78	CTSTR	CTSTR	13
10th	111	CTSTR	CTSTR	15
11th	139	CTSTR	CTSTR	28
12th	150	CTSTR	CTSTR	0

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7. Parent Notification and Involvement

The READ Act legislation requires districts to notify the parents of each student in grade K-3 who are not reading at or above grade level.

Does BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) notify parents or guardians when children are identified as not reading at grade level?

Yes

The table below indicates the frequency of parent notification for each grade level.

Parent Notification Frequency by Grade

Grade	Parent Notified	Frequency of Notification
Kindergarten	No	
Grade 1	No	
Grade 2	No	
Grade 3	No	
Grade 4	No	
Grade 5	No	
Grade 6	Yes	3 times per year, after each screening window
Grade 7	Yes	3 times per year, after each screening window
Grade 8	Yes	3 times per year, after each screening window
Grade 9	Yes	3 times per year, after each screening window
Grade 10	Yes	3 times per year, after each screening window
Grade 11	Yes	3 times per year, after each screening window
Grade 12	No	

The following methods are used to notify parents or guardians when children are identified as not reading at or above grade level:

- Digital_messaging (email, text, or communication app)

The following content is included in the parent notification:

- Student's reading proficiency level as measured by the MDE approved screener
- Reading related services currently being provided to the student
- Strategies parents/families can use at home in helping their student succeed

Families or the community are engaged around literacy through the following:

- Parent teacher conferences
- School events

8. Data-Based Decision Making for Action

READ Act screening data should be the basis for data-based decision making to determine which students need more support in reading. This could include differentiation of core (Tier 1) instruction, supplemental (Tier 2) or intensive (Tier 3) instruction.

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) uses the following process and data to assure that evidence-based instruction and intervention matches to a student's needs:

A variety of data is used to determine targeted evidence-based reading instruction for students. This data includes state assessment data (MCA, ACCESS, MTAS), and Renaissance Star data three times a year. Classroom academic performance data and engagement data are also reviewed. Data is reviewed utilizing the Minnesota Early Identification and Response System 2.1 (MEIRS). Using this data, T1 teachers use evidence-based instruction to address student needs, and T2 and T3 teachers identify where students most need support.

The processes for monitoring fidelity and differentiating Tier 1 instruction include:

ELA Teachers and Advisors are notified when students score below grade level on Star Reading. Teachers monitor these students' academic progress and differentiate based on the students' perceived needs. Teachers and advisors work together through MNMTSS to monitor student progress.

Criteria for entrance into supplemental (Tier 2) and/or intensive (Tier 3) targeted reading intervention include:

Students enter T2 intervention for reading when they have not demonstrated reading at grade level in one calendar year. Students go through our child find process to enter T3 intervention or through our MNMTSS referral process.

Progress monitoring data collection for students in Tier 2 occurs: Once a week

Progress monitoring data collection for students in Tier 3 occurs: Once a week

The kindergarten - 12th grade progress monitoring protocol that has been established to determine any necessary intensifications or modifications of supplemental (Tier 2) and/or intensive (Tier 3) targeted reading instruction include:

We use the iAscend system from Nick Van Oss

(<https://sites.google.com/view/nicvanoss/iascend/what-is-iascend>) to track individual student's progress in multiple dimensions including class progress, screening scores, and other data. Students are reviewed on a 6-week basis by our MnMTSS Tier 2 committee to see if interventions need to be intensified or modified.

Criteria for exit from supplemental (Tier 2) and/or intensive (Tier3) targeted reading intervention include:

Students exit the intervention when they achieve progress monitoring scores that indicate they are demonstrating reading at grade level.

Does BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) use personal learning plans for literacy:

Yes

The following students are provided a personal learning plan for literacy:

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- Students receiving supplemental (Tier 2) support

The following components are included in the personal learning plans, if used:

Goal, progress monitoring data, fidelity data, notes, next steps

9. Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

Districts are strongly encouraged to adopt a Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework. This framework should include a process for:

- monitoring student progress
- evaluating program fidelity, and
- analyzing student outcomes and needs

in order to design and implement ongoing evidence-based instruction and interventions.

[Minn. Stat. 120B.12, subd. 4a \(2024\)](#). MDE has developed the [Minnesota Multi-Tiered System of Supports \(MnMTSS\)](#) Framework and encourages districts to adopt this framework when implementing MTSS.

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) is implementing a multi-tiered system of support framework:

Yes

The MnMTSS framework is being utilized:

Yes

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) has participated in MDE MnMTSS professional learning:

Yes

10. Core Curricular Resource Grades K-5

The Minnesota READ Act requires that districts use evidence-based curriculum materials at each grade level that are designed to ensure students mastery of phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, and reading comprehension. In 2024 MDE partnered with the University of Minnesota Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI) to identify literacy curricula that are evidence-based and aligned to structured literacy. The findings of this review can be found on the [MDE READ Act Curricula Resources-Tier I webpage](#).

Core Curricula Resources for Grades K-5

The following table displays the Core Curricula Resources utilized by BlueSky Charter School (4082-07), how the recourse is used and the minutes of instructional delivery per day in grades K-5.

Grade	Implemented Curricula	Curricula Type	Instructional Delivery Minutes Per Day
Kindergarten	.		
Grade 1	.		
Grade 2	.		
Grade 3	.		
Grade 4	.		
Grade 5	.		

Continuous Improvement for Core Reading Instruction and Curricula

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) will make the following changes to core reading instruction and curricula for the 2025-26 school year:

No data entered

11. Reading Interventions

The Minnesota READ Act requires that districts use evidence-based intervention materials at each grade level that are designed to ensure students mastery of phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, and reading comprehension. MDE is partnering with the CAREI to identify literacy interventions that are evidence-based and aligned to structured literacy. The findings of this review will be released in November 2025.

Reading Intervention Grades K-12

The following table displays the reading intervention resources utilized by BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) in all grades K-12. NOTE: Tier 2 and Tier 3 intervention resources do not have to be different.

Grade	Supplemental (Tier 2) Reading Intervention(s)	Supplemental (Tier 3) Reading Intervention(s)
Kindergarten	NA	NA
Grade 1	NA	NA
Grade 2	NA	NA
Grade 3	NA	NA
Grade 4	NA	NA
Grade 5	NA	NA
Grade 6	Lexia PowerUp	Lexia PowerUp, Vizzle, iXL
Grade 7	Lexia PowerUp	Lexia PowerUp, Vizzle, iXL
Grade 8	Lexia PowerUp	Lexia PowerUp, Vizzle, iXL
Grade 9	Lexia PowerUp	Lexia PowerUp, Vizzle, iXL
Grade 10	Lexia PowerUp	Lexia PowerUp, Vizzle, iXL
Grade 11	Lexia PowerUp	Lexia PowerUp, Vizzle, iXL
Grade 12	Targeted Academic Support	Lexia PowerUp, Vizzle, iXL

12. Section Professional Development Plan

The Minnesota READ Act requires that districts provide teachers and instructional support staff with responsibility for teaching reading with training on evidence-based reading instruction as approved by MDE. The following section details the district or charter school's professional development plan.

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) is using the following approved professional development program:

- CORE OLLA

Date of expected completion for Phase 1 Professional Development: 11/28/2025

Synchronous professional development sessions were facilitated by:

- Vendor Provided Facilitator

The Local Certified Facilitator (LCF) participated in the Community of Practices for LCFs:

No data entered

The following support will be provided to teachers who do not complete the approved training at the vendor recommended 80% proficiency level:

To be determined. Most likely through a PIP or other targeted support.

The following fidelity data is collected to ensure that elementary teachers are able to implement explicit, systematic, evidence-based instruction in the five areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension:

NA

Based on the results of the fidelity data, the following coaching support and feedback is implemented to ensure that all elementary teachers are able to implement explicit, systematic, evidence-based instruction in the following five areas of instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension:

NA

The following changes in instructional practices have impacted students :

To be Determined

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) has implemented the following professional development and support for teachers around culturally responsive practices:

We will debut our new TDE rubric with culturally responsive practices this next school-year. Culturally responsive practices have been embedded in PD trainings for the last two years. It is also being implemented throughout our curriculum review process.

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) engaged with the Regional Literacy Network through the following:

- Attended District Literacy Lead Community of Practice
- Requested district support with implementation

The following additional literacy focused professional development opportunities will be provided and may include alignment to the strands of the ELA Standards (reading, writing, and exchanging ideas):

Reading Preparation training is offered yearly.

13. Professional Development Educator Count

The following tables provide the number of educators in the district or charter school who have met the READ Act professional development requirements, the number who are currently in training and the number who still need training. This training is occurring in phases, the details for which can be found on the [MDE READ Act Professional Development webpage](#).

Educator Count Phase 1

Phase 1: Educator Role	Total Number in District or Charter Organization	Educators who have completed Training	Educators with Training in Progress	Educators who,need Training
PreK Classroom and Part B/619 Early Childhood Special Education Educators responsible for early literacy instruction	0	0	0	0
PreK ? 12 Educators who work with English learners (Licensed ELL teachers)	1	0	0	1
K-3 Classroom Educators	0	0	0	0
Grades 4-5 (or 6) Classroom Educators (as determined by district)	1	0	0	1
K-12 Reading Interventionists	1	0	0	1
K-12 Special Education Educators responsible for reading instruction	4	0	0	4
PreK through grade 5 Curriculum Directors	0	0	0	0
PreK through grade 5 Instructional Support Staff who provide reading support	0	0	0	0

Educator Count Phase 2

Phase 2: Educator Role	Total Number in District or Charter Organization	Educators who have completed Training	Educators with Training in Progress	Educators who need Training
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Grades 4-12 Classroom Educators responsible for reading instruction	5	0	0	5
Grades K-Age 21 Educators who work with students who qualify for the graduation incentives program under section 124D.68	0	0	0	0
Grades 6-12 Instructional support staff who provide reading support	0	0	0	0
Grades 6-12 Curriculum Directors	2	0	0	2
Employees who select literacy instructional materials for Grades 6-12	0	0	0	0

14. Literacy Aid Funds

Literacy Incentive Aid

The following are details about annual Literacy Incentive Aid.

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) received the following amount of Literacy Incentive Aid in the 2024-25 school year:

\$0.00

Amount of Literacy Incentive Aid spent in the 2024-25 school year:

\$0.00

Literacy incentive aid funds were applied to the following eligible uses in the 2024-25 school year:

- Not applicable

READ Act Literacy Aid

The following are details about the one-time READ Act Literacy Aid appropriations.

BlueSky Charter School (4082-07) received the following amount of READ Act Literacy Aid in the 2025 school year:

\$24,483.22

READ Act Literacy incentive aid funds were applied to the following eligible uses in the 2025 fiscal year:

- Not applicable

The following amount of READ Act Literacy Aid remains in the required reserved account:

\$24483

If funds remain, the plan to spend down the remaining funds are as follows:

Phase I and II training, purchasing licenses for Capti ReadBasix.