



KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

BLUEPRINT FOR LITERACY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Kansas economy has consistently shown signs of growth over the past five years and is expected to add 54,000 new jobs by 2030, 80% of which require a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degrees. At the same time, significant headwinds exist. Key among the headwinds is the persistent trend that 33% of students have limited reading ability (Level 1, see performance trends chart).

All Student 3 Year Performance Trends

K.S.A. 72-5178 Accountability Report 2023/2024 Kansas State Department of Education

LEVEL	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Level 1	33.94	32.89	32.77
Level 2	33.95	33.91	33.67
Level 3	24.52	24.99	25.28
Level 4	7.57	8.18	8.27
% Level 2 or above	66.04	67.08	67.22

Level 1 Limited ability to demonstrate knowledge and skills on grade level standards

Level 2 Basic ability

Level 3 Proficient ability

Level 4 Advanced ability

Research and investigative reporting point directly to the so-called reading wars of the past two decades as a significant contributor to our literacy crisis in Kansas and across the nation. The debates spanning the past 25 years about how to teach reading have resulted in wide variation in educator preparation, leaving many educators without the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively teach all children to read.

The persistent reading wars are finally coming to an end but not without costs felt in every family, every community, and every state in our nation. The good news is the Science of Reading is now clear; direct, explicit, systematic, and cumulative. The associated instruction, known as Structured Literacy, is necessary to ensure all children learn to read. States across the nation are responding by recognizing literacy as an economic imperative. Ohio, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Indiana, New York, and countless others have targeted investment and strategic action to advance educator skills in the

application of the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy with the goal to ensure all children learn to read.

Kansas responded as well, first by establishing the Dyslexia Task Force and implementing a series of recommendations for schools and school districts, then by elevating literacy as a priority in school improvement, accreditation, and licensure. Most recently Senate Bill 438, signed into law in April 2024, established the Blueprint for Literacy, making literacy education an economic priority for the state.

SB 438 is unique as the law outlines a series of approaches the Kansas Board of Regents and higher education system must take to improve educator preparation and educator workforce development. The state legislature appropriated \$10 million to support Blueprint implementation.

Progress: By April 2025, Science of Reading I and II application courses were developed and implemented across all public university educator preparation programs; professional learning and graduate courses are being designed; a Foundations in the Science of Reading: Understanding and Applying Structured Literacy Principles I and II was developed for in-service educators and available across the public universities and independent colleges by fall 2025, with most universities offering the course beginning in June 2025. Full Blueprint implementation is well underway and can be described as moving with strategic urgency to ensure educators have the support needed for success in the classroom.

However, recent months have illuminated significant challenges. Challenges with any new initiative are expected; what could not be anticipated is the significant pull back in state financial investment after only nine months of implementation. The KBOR and Blueprint Advisory Committee remains fully committed to equipping educators with the knowledge and skills necessary to teach every child to read. The strategic plan is critical to communicating what is necessary to ensure all children learn to read well. Evidence of impact the Blueprint strategies are beginning to demonstrate will be important to help inform policy makers and leaders why investing in literacy education is beneficial to all and critical to Kansas families.

The challenge of funding is an opportunity to reset. The Advisory Committee recommends setting aside the plan to establish Centers of Excellence in Literacy, focusing strategic actions on two imperatives. Imperative 1: Invest in literacy as an economic and social imperative; Imperative 2: Empower educators with high-impact preparation and professional learning.

The strategies and actions outlined in the Blueprint for Literacy Strategic Plan are a set of practical actions to advance educators' knowledge and skills in the application of Structured Literacy. Investing literacy as an economic imperative in an investment in educators, leading to every child learning to read. There is no stronger or more important return on investment that opening the door to literacy for every Kansan.

BLUEPRINT FOR LITERACY STRATEGIC PLAN

Achieving the goals set forth in SB 438 requires a comprehensive, sustainable, statewide approach. The approach is centered on strategies and resources necessary to advance the application of Structured Literacy in educator preparation and in real classroom settings. These approaches are in alignment with the recommendations of ExcelinEd (15 States Strengthen Early Literacy Policies 2025) and the Education Advocacy Center (States with Model Literacy Policies 2025).

Vision

Equip educators with the knowledge and skills to apply Structured Literacy, ensuring all students develop strong reading and writing abilities.

Mission

Provide comprehensive, evidence-based training and ongoing support for educators, fostering a deep understanding of Structured Literacy principles and practices.

Goals

- 100% of the elementary teacher workforce achieve a credential in the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy by 2030, leading to
- 90% of students reading at Level 2 on the English language arts assessment and 50% of students in each grade level reading at a Level 3 and 4.

Benchmarks Necessary to Achieve the Transformational Goals

As of January 2025, 3,718 educators have completed LETRS training; 9,743 are enrolled in LETRS. The remaining 5,237 neither enrolled nor completed approved training. Annual enrollment in the Foundation in the Science of Reading: Understanding and Applying Structured Literacy Principles course is projected at 1,500 elementary educators. Achieving the goal by 2030 requires 2,996 educators each year to complete approved training or pass an approved Structured Literacy licensure exam.

Goal 1: Create a sustainable system of educator preparation that results in 100% of Kansas elementary teacher workforce achieving validated credentials in the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy by 2030.

Fiscal Year Ending:	Structured Literacy Credential Needs (Total 18,698: 3,718 completed training as of January 10, 2025)
2025	14,980
2026	11,984
2027	8,988
2028	5,992
2029	2,996
2030	0

Achieving the goal of 90% of 3rd through 8th graders reading at a Level 2 or above requires 3% annual growth in literacy achievement (see the following Goal 2 chart).

Goal 2: 90% of 3rd through 8th grade students achieving level 2 or above, and 50% or more of 3rd through 8th graders achieving level 3 or above on the English Language Arts state assessment by 2033.

Percentage of Students Scoring Level 2 or Higher on Kansas ELA State Assessment

End of:	FY '24	FY '25	FY '26	FY '27	FY '28	FY '29	FY '30	FY '31	FY '32	FY '33
Grade 3	68.53	70.92	73.31	75.7	78.09	80.48	82.87	85.26	87.65	Above 90%
Grade 4	81.36	82.32	83.28	84.24	85.2	86.16	87.12	88.08	89.04	Above 90%
Grade 5	68.08	70.52	72.96	75.4	77.84	80.28	82.72	85.16	87.6	Above 90%
Grade 6	62.27	65.37	68.47	71.57	74.67	77.77	80.87	83.97	87.07	Above 90%
Grade 7	62.92	66.02	69.12	72.22	75.32	78.42	81.52	84.62	87.72	Above 90%
Grade 8	63.41	66.36	69.31	72.26	75.21	78.16	81.11	54.06	87.07	Above 90%

Percentage of Students Scoring Level 3 or 4 on Kansas ELA State Assessment

End of:	FY '24	FY '25	FY '26	FY '27	FY '28	FY '29	FY '30	FY '31	FY '32	FY '33
Grade 3	38.35	39.64	40.93	42.22	43.51	44.8	46.09	47.38	48.67	Above 50%
Grade 4	43.34	44.08	44.82	45.56	46.3	47.04	47.78	48.52	49.26	Above 50%
Grade 5	39.3	40.49	41.68	42.87	44.06	45.25	46.44	47.63	48.82	Above 50%
Grade 6	26.92	29.49	32.05	34.61	37.17	39.73	42.29	44.85	47.41	Above 50%
Grade 7	24.9	27.69	30.48	33.27	36.06	38.85	41.64	44.43	47.22	Above 50%
Grade 8	19.07	22.44	25.81	29.18	32.55	35.92	39.29	42.66	46.03	Above 50%

Comprehensive Strategic Approach. Recognizing the economic and social imperative to improve literacy achievement in Kansas, the 2024 legislature and Governor Laura Kelly authorized SB 438 establishing the Blueprint for Literacy. SB 438 outlines a series of requirements the Kansas Board of Regents and higher education system must take to improve educator preparation and educator workforce development.

Achieving the requirements requires collaboration with the State Board of Education and Department of Education, as well as full engagement and prioritization of literacy education by university leaders and Kansas legislators.

The Blueprint Advisory Committee, comprised of educators, administrators, board members, and legislators, developed a strategic plan to actualize all SB 438 requirements and to ensure the depth of implementation necessary for success. The committee conducted an analysis of state systems and resources to determine strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to achieving the goals. The analysis results are contained in the following chart.

SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Science of Reading and Structured Literacy Education and TrainingLicensure Exam Based on Science of Reading and Structured LiteracyPass rate average 90% for 1st year of ETS 7002 (9% higher than national average)Science of Reading and Structure Literacy designated as Tier 1 PK-12 and HEMultiple education and training pathways offered to educatorsComprehensive Needs Assessment in processAccess to district level achievement data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">33 % of students reading below basic on state ELA assessmentEquitable access to education and trainingCourses and training beyond foundational levelCourses and strategy to train paraeducatorsData collection to track education and trainingPrioritization of Reading SpecialistsLack Ph.D program in Literacy StudiesCongruent and comprehensive strategy between PK12 and HE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strengthen Applied learning in Educator Preparation ProgramsEstablish regional network of Literacy CoachesCourses and training in Structured Literacy beyond foundations levelCourses and training for paraeducators in Structured LiteracyCurriculum Analysis followed by Syllabi Refinement, Program Alignment, and IDA Accreditation for Educator Preparation ProgramsSystematic and Cumulative Professional Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fiscal Resources aligned to support literacy achievementLack of alignment of goals, strategies, and resources between education agencies/systemsData TransparencyData access to classroom level for purpose of coaching and systems of support

The analysis identified the top **2 imperatives** necessary to achieve meaningful improvements in literacy education and literacy achievement.

IMPERATIVES NECESSARY TO IMPROVE LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT ACROSS KANSAS

1

Invest

In Literacy Education and Workforce Development

2

Empower

Educators with High-impact Preparation and Professional Learning

The following tables outline the Blueprint's Strategic Plan priorities, actions, and investments to address the 2 Imperatives to improving literacy outcomes in Kansas.

BLUEPRINT STRATEGIC PLAN		
INVEST	STRATEGIES	ACTIONS
Invest in literacy as an economic and social imperative	<p>1.0 Develop Press Kit/ Outreach materials</p> <p>Timeline: May 2025 -Ongoing</p> <p>BUDGET \$5,000</p>	<p>Design Infographics: Print materials Sharable materials</p> <p>Prioritize Core Messages: What, Why, and How</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current action • Benchmarks • Collaborations <p>Social media campaigns: Video series Print-media</p>
	<p>1.1 Secure public investment to advance the educator workforce.</p> <p>Timeline: August 2025 – March 2026</p> <p>BUDGET: None Required</p>	<p>Establish Legislative Committee</p> <p>Host 7 legislative coffees (at least 1 in each catchment area) August to October 2025</p> <p>Literacy Day at Capitol January 2026</p>
	<p>1.2 Secure private investment</p> <p>Timeline: August 2025 – May 2026</p> <p>BUDGET: None Required</p>	<p><u>Grants</u> – *Identify grant writer(s) *Identify potential grants Focus – Educator Preparation Goal - \$2m</p> <p><u>Donors</u> – Identify potential donors/foundations. Goal to raise \$500K from 4 donors.</p>
	<p>1.3 Build a Coalition Network (Build a Movement)</p> <p>Timeline: June 2025 – Ongoing</p> <p>BUDGET: \$5,000</p>	<p><u>Co-Lead a Coalition</u> Network of education agencies, associations, organizations, foundations, literacy advocacy organizations, and community organizations to:</p> <p>*Unify Solutions *Identify funding *Communicate What and Why *Measure impact across Hubs</p> <p>Host 4 Topic-specific Town Halls Host 4 Convenings</p>

EMPOWER	STRATEGIES	ACTIONS
<p>Empower educators with high-impact preparation and professional learning.</p>	<p>2.1 Strengthen Educator Preparation by strengthening the application of Structured Literacy and evidence-based practices.</p> <p>Timeline: August 2025 – Ongoing</p> <p>BUDGET: None required</p>	<p>Facilitate <u>Faculty of Impact</u> Community of Practice guided by the Science of Learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen literacy course taught in EPP and graduate programs. • Strengthen understanding and application of Balanced Assessment System by teacher candidates and provide professional learning to in-service educators. • Conduct Annual Analysis of Curriculum Map and recommend improvements across all literacy courses
	<p>2.2 Align Systems - Advance the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy across education systems.</p> <p>TIMELINE: August 2025 - Ongoing</p> <p>BUDGET: None Required</p>	<p>In collaboration with KSDE, establish a program to track Science of Reading and Structured Literacy training progress of pre-service and in-service educators.</p>
	<p>2.3 Review and Strengthen Science of Reading I and II Undergraduate Application courses.</p> <p>TIMELINE: September – November 2025, and annually thereafter</p> <p>BUDGET: None Required</p>	<p>Conduct Annual Review of Science of Reading I and Science of Reading II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content • practicum, and • common performance assessment and • recommend improvements.
	<p>2.3.1 Advance Teacher Candidates skills to <u>apply</u> Structured Literacy in PreK-6 settings.</p> <p>TIMELINE: August 2026 - TBD</p> <p>BUDGET: \$1,000 for 50 mentors/ field supervisors total \$50,000 requires funding</p>	<p>Support mentor teacher and field supervisors with professional learning and prioritize student teaching and clinical placements with in-service educators who have completed approved training in Structured Literacy.</p>
	<p>2.3.2 Provide opportunities for Teacher Candidates to earn stackable credentials, in addition to 7002) in Structured Literacy</p> <p>TIMELINE: TBD</p>	<p>Provide grants to Educator Preparation Programs to enhance literacy clinical experiences. Resulting in Structured Literacy Classroom Teacher Knowledge Certification; Pathways to</p>

	<p>BUDGET: \$46,000 – 40 teacher candidates requires funding</p>	Structured Literacy Certificate; Extended clinical in application of Structured Literacy
	<p>2.4 Support Paraeducators to develop foundational knowledge and core skills to implement Structured Literacy practices, including the use of data to inform instruction, and interventions.</p> <p>TIMELINE: Initiate June 2025</p> <p>BUDGET: \$50,000 for pilot (2.4.b) 50 paraeducators, tuition and stipend (\$1,000 per paraeducator)</p> <p>Projecting Need – 350 paraeducators (50 each catchment areas) \$350,000 requires funding</p>	<p>Expand access by paraeducators to training in Structured Literacy and evidence-based intervention in literacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro-credential and/or • Credit Earning Course <p>Provide training, Market-Rate Tuition, and stipend.</p>
	<p>2.5 Advance In-Service Educator Competencies in the Application of Structured Literacy practices. (SB 438 Sect 6 (b))</p> <p>TIMELINE: Pilot March 2025; Statewide May 2025</p> <p>BUDGET: \$4,600,000, 2,000 educators, tuition, and stipend Per Year to 2030</p>	Implement - Professional Learning/ Graduate Courses *Foundations in the Science of Reading: Understanding and Applying Structured Literacy I and II
	<p>2.5.1 Obtain IDA Accreditation Elementary Education, Reading Specialist, Special Education programs.</p> <p>TIMELINE: August 2026- August 2027</p> <p>BUDGET: \$15,000</p>	Support the process for obtaining IDA Accreditation for the Foundations courses.
	<p>2.5.2 Advance Reading Specialists' skills to provide specialized, intensive, and targeted reading interventions, including use of data to inform instruction and monitor progress through clinicals.</p> <p>TIMELINE: TBD</p> <p>BUDGET: \$46,000 40 educators pursuing Reading Specialists licensure</p> <p>requires funding</p>	<p>Provide grants to enhance reading specialist programs beyond what is required for meeting current accreditation and licensure requirements.</p> <p>Enhancement Areas increase the number of educators obtaining certification as a reading specialist.</p>

	<p>2.5.3 Advance Special Educators' skills to provide specialized, intensive, and targeted reading interventions, including use of data to inform instruction and monitor progress.</p> <p>TTIMELINE: TBD</p> <p>BUDGET: \$46,000 40 educators pursuing special education licensure or interventionist certificate (CERI)</p> <p>requires funding</p>	<p>Provide grants to enhance special education programs beyond what is required for meeting current accreditation and licensure requirements.</p> <p>Enhancement Areas increase the number of educators obtaining certification in intervention.</p>
	<p>2.5.4 Advance educator skills through evidence-based literacy instruction for multi-lingual (ESOL) students.</p> <p>TIMELINE: August 2026 initiate</p> <p>BUDGET: \$97,750 (85 educators)</p> <p>requires funding</p>	<p>Provide professional learning in evidence-based literacy instruction focused on multi-lingual students. Resulting in a Micro-credential in Structured Literacy with Multilingual Learners</p>
	<p>2.5.5 Implement targeted literacy coaching in collaboration with KSDE.</p> <p>*KSDE Districts 500 and larger *KBOR Districts 500 and smaller</p> <p>BUDGET: \$2,550,000</p> <p>requires funding</p>	<p>PILOT Literacy Coaching to advance application of Structured Literacy in 19 school districts.</p> <p>*500 or smaller school districts Catchment Areas: 1, 4, 7</p>
	<p>2.5.6 Implement professional learning in Structured Literacy Leadership for Administrators</p> <p>TIMELINE: August 2025</p> <p>BUDGET: None Required</p>	<p>Conduct curriculum map analysis of education leadership courses to identify depth of literacy instructional leadership focus and recommend program improvements.</p>
	<p>2.6 Needs Assessment and Evaluation</p> <p>TIMELINE: March 2025 – May 2027</p> <p>BUDGET: \$200,000 annually</p>	<p>Evaluate</p> <p>Pre-service education effectiveness to developing educators skilled in the use of Structured Literacy.</p> <p>In-service educator professional system needs, professional learning needs, access and utilization of high-quality instructional materials, and system supports.</p> <p>Family literacy resource needs by catchment area.</p>

BLUEPRINT STRATEGIC PLAN	
IMPERATIVE 1 INVEST IN LITERACY AS AN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPERATIVE	IMPERATIVE 2 EMPOWER EDUCATORS WITH HIGH-IMPACT PREPARATION AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
STRATEGIES SUMMARY	
<p>1.1 Develop Press Kit/ Outreach materials.</p> <p>1.2 Secure public investment to advance the educator workforce.</p> <p>1.3 Secure private investment</p> <p>1.4 Build a Coalition Network (Build a Movement)</p>	<p>2.1 Strengthen Educator Preparation strengthening the <u>application</u> of Structured Literacy and evidence-based practices.</p> <p>2.2 Align Systems - Advance the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy across education systems.</p> <p>2.3 Review and Strengthen Science of Reading I and II Undergraduate Application courses.</p> <p>2.3.1 Advance Teacher Candidates skills to <u>apply</u> Structured Literacy in PreK-6 settings.</p> <p>2.3.2 Provide opportunities for Teacher Candidates to earn stackable credentials, in addition to 7002) in Structured Literacy</p> <p>2.4 Support Paraeducators to develop foundational knowledge and core skills to implement Structured Literacy practices.</p> <p>2.5 Advance In-Service Educator Competencies in the Application of Structured Literacy practices. (SB 438 Sect 6 (b)</p> <p>2.5.1 Obtain IDA Accreditation for Elementary Education, Reading Specialist, Special Education programs.</p> <p>2.5.2 Advance Reading Specialist skills to provide specialized, intensive, and targeted reading interventions, including use of data to inform instruction and monitor progress.</p> <p>2.5.3 Advance Special Educators' skills to provide specialized, intensive, and targeted reading interventions, including use of data to inform instruction and monitor progress.</p> <p>2.5.4 Advance educator skills through evidence-based literacy instruction for multi-lingual (ESOL) students.</p>

	<p>2.5.5 Implement targeted literacy coaching in collaboration with KSDE.</p> <p>2.5.6 2.5.6 Implement professional learning in Literacy Leadership for Administrators</p> <p>2.6.0 Needs Assessment and Evaluation</p>
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STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION INVESTMENT

Annual Total: \$10,000 Includes:	Strategic Plan includes:
<p>\$5,000 Press Kit/Outreach Materials</p> <p>\$5,000 Coalition</p>	<p>\$4,600,000 Scholarships/stipends (2.5)</p> <p>350,000 Paraeducator SL training (2.4)</p> <p>50,000 Pilot Paraeducator SL training (2.4b)</p> <p>50,000 Mentor/ Field Supervisor training 2.3.1)</p> <p>46,000 Clinical Teacher Candidates (2.3.2)</p> <p>92,000 Clinical Reading Specialist, Special Education (2.5.2, 2.5.3)</p> <p>15,000 IDA Accreditation (Foundations) (2.5.1)</p> <p>97,750 Multilingual Educators (2.5.4)</p> <p>2,655,000 Literacy Coaching Network (2.5.5)</p> <p>200,000 Evaluation and Needs Assessment (2.6)</p>

Plan Total: \$8,043,000

Funded \$4,865,000 (subject to reappropriations)

**Projected budget reflected the strategic plan and does not encompass operations or personnel to support Blueprint implementation of \$557,000. Total budget requested \$8,600,000*

ACTION STEPS AND TIMELINE TO COMPLETE		
	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE
<u>IMPERATIVE 1</u>		
1.0 Develop Press Kit/ Outreach materials	May 2025	Ongoing
1.1 Secure public investment to advance the educator workforce.	August 2025	March 2026
1.2 Secure private investment	August 2025	May 2026
1.3 Build a Coalition Network (Build a Movement)	June 2025	Ongoing
<u>IMPERATIVE 2</u>		
2.1 Strengthen educator preparation by strengthening the <u>application</u> of Structured Literacy and evidence-based practices.	August 2025	Ongoing
2.2 Align Systems - Advance the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy across education systems.(Data reporting)	August 2025	Ongoing
2.3 Review and Strengthen Science of Reading I and II Undergraduate Application courses.	November 2025	Annual
2.3.1 Advance Teacher Candidates skills to <u>apply</u> Structured Literacy in PreK-6 settings. Mentor and Field Supervisory training	TBD	
2.3.2 Provide opportunities for Teacher Candidates to earn stackable credentials, in addition to 7002) in Structured Literacy	August 2026	TBD
2.4 Support Paraeducators to develop foundational knowledge and core skills to implement Structured Literacy practices, including the use of data to inform instruction, and interventions.	Pilot June 2025	May 2026
2.5 Advance In-Service Educator Competencies in the Application of Structured Literacy practices. (SB 438 Sect 6 (b)	March 2025	2030
2.5.1 - Obtain IDA Accreditation	August 2026	August 2027
2.5.2 Advance Reading Specialists ' skills to provide specialized through enhanced clinical resulting in interventionist certification.	TBD	
2.5.3 Advance Special Educators ' skills to provide specialized, intensive, and targeted reading interventions.	TBD	
2.5.4 Advance educator skills through evidence-based literacy instruction for multi-lingual (ESOL) students.	TBD	
2.5.5 Implement targeted literacy coaching in collaboration with KSDE.	TBD	
2.5.6 2.5.6 Implement professional learning in Literacy Leadership for Administrators	TBD	
2.6 Conduct Needs Analysis and Evaluation	December 2024	May 2027

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 100% of elementary workforce trained in Structured Literacy by 2030.

Number of educators who have completed approved training, or exam annually- Foundations; LETRS or other approved training or licensure exam.
- Number of educators completing Foundations and earning the Seal of Literacy
- Number of programs achieving IDA Accreditation
- Number of paraeducators complete Foundations in the Science of Reading Structured Literacy Training
- Number of administrators completing Literacy Leadership professional learning/ courses
- Number of mentor teachers and field supervisors who have completed an approved training in Structured Literacy
- Number of micro-credentials awarded to Multilingual educators
- Number of clinical hours completed and Number of CERI aligned certifications earned by Preservice Educators
- Number of clinical hours completed and Number of CERI aligned certifications earned by Reading Specialists
- Number of clinical hours completed and Number of CERI aligned certifications earned by Special Education educators or Interventionists
- Number of Coaches trained and coaching session provided in Literacy Coaching Networks

ULTIMATE GOAL: 3rd – 8th grade performance on the Kansas English Language Arts State Assessment

Achieving the goal of 90% of 3rd through 8th graders reading at a Level 2 or above requires 3% annual growth in literacy achievement

Key Terms

The Science of Reading is an interdisciplinary body of scientifically based research about reading and issues related to reading and writing, and includes phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. The Science of Reading informs evidence-based practice.

Structured Literacy is defined as a comprehensive instructional approach to teaching that integrates speaking, listening, reading, and writing by providing direct, explicit, and systematic instruction leading to mastery.

Disciplinary Literacy is teaching reading and writing skills tailored to the specific demands of each subject area like science, social studies, and math, alongside foundational literacy skills like vocabulary development, comprehension strategies, and text analysis.

Multi-Lingual Learners - “Multilingual learners are students who are developing proficiency in multiple languages. This includes students learning English as an additional language in school (often referred to as ‘English learners’ or ‘English language learners’).