

Early Literacy Curriculum Comparison

Table One: DPI Curriculum Review at A Glance

Systematic & Explicit Instruction in:											
Curriculum	Phonological Awareness	Phonemic Awareness	Phonics	Reading Fluency	Oral Language	Background Knowledge	Writing	Vocabulary	Comprehension	Prohibition of MSV	
<i>American Reading Company K-3</i> (ARC Core, 2017)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	Approved
<i>Being a Reader</i> (K-2nd, 2021; 3rd, 2023) & <i>Being a Writer</i> (K-3rd., 2014) with <i>SIPPS</i> (2020) (Center for the Collaborative Classroom)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	Approved
<i>Benchmark Education Advance</i> (Benchmark Education Company, 2022)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	Approved
<i>Bookworms Reading & Writing K-3</i> (Open up Resources, 2022)	K-2	K-2					K-3				
<i>Bridge to Reading Foundational Skills</i> (Heggerty, 2023); 3rd grade (Heggerty, 2024)	K-3	K-3	K-3								
<i>Connections: OGi3D</i> (The Apple Group, 2007)	K-3	K-3	K-3							K-3	
<i>Core Knowledge Language Arts k-3</i> (CKLA, Amplify Education, 2022)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	Approved
<i>Our EL Education Language Arts</i> (Open up Resources, 2017)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	Approved
<i>EL Education Language Arts</i> (Imagine Learning LLC, 2019)	K-2	K-2	K-2	K-2	K-2	K-2	K-2	K-2	K-2	K-2	Approved
<i>Exact Path</i> (Edmentum, 2023)		K-3	K-3								
<i>Foundations A-Z</i> (<i>Learning A-Z</i> , 2022)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3						K-3	
<i>From Phonics to Reading</i> (Sadlier, 2020)			K-3	K-3						K-3	
<i>Foundations</i> (Wilson Language Training, 2020)			K-3	K-3						K-3	

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<i>Into Reading, National V2</i> (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2020)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	Approved
<i>Just Right Reader Decodables</i> (Just Right Reader, 2021-2023)			K-3							K-3	
<i>Kindercorner</i> (2nd ed., 2016.); & <i>Reading Roots</i> (5th ed., 2021); <i>Reading Wings</i> (4th ed., 2016) (Success for All Foundation Inc.)	K-1	K-1	K-1		K-3			K-3		K-3	
<i>Lindamood Bell Learning Processes</i> (Gander Publishing, 2001-2022)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3			K-3	K-3	K-3	
<i>Magnetic Reading</i> (Curriculum Associates, 2023)	K-1	K-1	K-2	K-2						K-3	
<i>myView Literacy Elem. Reading Curriculum</i> (Savvas Learning Company, 2025)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	Approved
<i>OnTrack Reading Phonics Program Workbook</i> (OnTrack Reading, 2001- 2023); <i>Instructional Manual</i> (OnTrack Reading, 2004-2023)		K-3	K-3							K-3	
<i>Open Court</i> (McGraw-Hill, 2023)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	Approved
<i>Orton-Gillingham Plus</i> (IMSE, 2022) Supplemental	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3			K-3	K-3		K-3	
<i>Raz-Plus</i> (Learning A-Z, 2017)	K-2	K-1	K-2		K-3					K-3	
<i>Ready 4 Reading</i> (Scholastic, 2023)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3		K-3		K-3	K-3	K-3	
<i>Superkids Reading Program</i> (2017); <i>Superkids Foundational Skills</i> (2020); <i>Superkids Phonemic Awareness Kindergarten</i> (2022) (Zaner-Bloser Inc., 2017; 2020; 2022)	K-2	K-2	K-2	K-2		K-2	K-2	K-2	K-2	K-2	

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<i>Voyager Passport Intervention</i> (Voyager Sopris Learning, 2022)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3				K-3		K-3	
<i>Wit and Wisdom</i> (Great Minds, 2020)					K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3		
<i>Wit and Wisdom</i> (Great Minds, 2020) with <i>Pk-3 Reading Curriculum</i> (Really Great Reading)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	Approved
<i>Wonders</i> (McGraw Hill, 2023)	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	K-3	Approved
<i>Writing A-Z</i> (<i>Learning A-Z</i> , 2023)							K-3			K-3	

Table Two: Wisconsin Early Literacy Criteria Compared to Other States and Organizations

WI Act 20 Curriculum Requirements	CO	CT	GA	LA	MA	MN	MS	OH	OR	VA	WI	Ed Reports
Systematic and explicit instruction in Phonological Awareness	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x
Systematic and explicit instruction in Phonemic Awareness	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Systematic and explicit instruction in Phonics	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Systematic and explicit instruction in Reading Fluency	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Systematic and explicit instruction in Oral Language		x	x		x		x	x			x	x
Systematic and explicit instruction in Background Knowledge		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Systematic and explicit instruction in Writing		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Systematic and explicit instruction in Vocabulary	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Systematic and explicit instruction in Comprehension	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Prohibition of MSV				x		x	x	x		x	x	

Table Three: DPI Early Literacy Recommendations Compared with Council and Other States and EdReports

A- Approved S- Approved Supplemental ER- Eligible for Reconsideration U- Unapproved NR- Not Reviewed

Curriculum	CO	CT	GA	LA	MA	MN	MS	OH	OR	VA	WI ELCC	WI DPI	Ed Reports
<i>American Reading Company K-3 (ARC Core, 2017)</i>	S 2020	A 2020	NR	NR	A 2017	ER	NR	A 2017	NR	NR	U 2.57	A	A 2017
<i>Being a Reader (K-2nd, 2021; 3rd, 2023) & Being a Writer (K-3rd, 2014) with SIPPS (2020) (Center for the Collaborative Classroom)</i>	A (k-2)	NR	A	NR	NR	ER	NR	NR	NR	NR	U 2.56	A	NR
<i>Benchmark Education Advance (Benchmark Education Company, 2022)</i>	A 2022	A 2022	A	NR	NR	ER	NR	A 2022	A 2022	A	U 2.83	A	A 2022
<i>Bookworms Reading & Writing K-3 (Open up Resources, 2022)</i>	NR	NR	A	A (2nd)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	A 2.93	U	Partial
<i>Core Knowledge Language Arts k-3 (CKLA, Amplify Education, 2022)</i>	A 2017	A 2022	A	A	A	ER	NR	A 2022	A 2022	NR	A 2022	A 2022	A 2015
<i>Our EL Education Language Arts (Open up Resources, 2017)</i>	A (k-2)	A 2017	NR	A 2017	A 2017	A 2017	A 2017	A 2017	A (2016; 3-5)	NR	A 3.1	A	A 2017
<i>EL Education Language Arts (Imagine Learning LLC, 2019)</i>	A (k-2)	A 2017	NR	A 2017	NR	ER 2019?	NR	A 2017	A 2019	NR	?	A	A 2017
<i>Into Reading, National V2 (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2020)</i>	A 2020	A	A	A (3-5)	A	ER	A	A 2020	A 2020	A	U 2.83	A	A
<i>myView Literacy Elem. Reading Curriculum (Savvas Learning Company, 2025)</i>	A	A	A 2020	A	A	ER	A	A 2025	NR	NR	U 2.5	A	A 2020
<i>Open Court (McGraw-Hill, 2023)</i>	A 2016	A 2016 2023	NR	NR	NR	ER	NR	NR	NR	A	U 2.7	A 2023	NR? Partial 2016
<i>Wit and Wisdom (Great Minds, 2020) with Pk-3 Reading Curriculum (Really Great Reading)</i>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	A	U	NR
<i>Wonders (McGraw Hill, 2023)</i>	A (2023)	A	NR	A (2020)	A (2020)	ER	A K-2 (2020)	A	A 2020	A	U 2.84	A	A (2023)

Table Four: All Submitted Titles Compared with Council and Other States and EdReports

A- Approved S- Approved Supplemental ER- Eligible for Reconsideration U- Unapproved NR- Not Reviewed

Curriculum	CO	CT	GA	LA	MA	MN	MS	OH	OR	VA	WI ELCC	WI DPI	Ed Reports
<i>American Reading Company K-3 (ARC Core, 2017)</i>	S 2020	A 2020	NR	NR	A 2017	ER	NR	A 2017	NR	NR	U 2.57	A	A 2017
<i>Being a Reader (K-2nd, 2021; 3rd, 2023) & Being a Writer (K-3rd, 2014) with SIPPS (2020) (Center for the Collaborative Classroom)</i>	A (k-2)	NR	A	NR	NR	ER	NR	NR	NR	NR	U 2.56	A	NR
<i>Benchmark Education Advance (Benchmark Education Company, 2022)</i>	A 2022	A 2022	A	NR	NR	ER	NR	A 2022	A 2022	A	U 2.83	A	A 2022
<i>Bookworms Reading & Writing K-3 (Open up Resources, 2022) *</i>	NR	NR	A	A (2nd)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	U 2.93	U	Partial
<i>Bridge to Reading Foundational Skills (Heggerty, 2023); 3rd grade (Heggerty, 2024);S</i>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	ER	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	U	NR
<i>Connections: OGIN3D (The Apple Group, 2007); S</i>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	U	NR
<i>Core Knowledge Language Arts k-3 (CKLA, Amplify Education, 2022)</i>	A 2017	A 2022	A	A	A	ER	NR	A 2022	A 2022	NR	A 3.29	A 2022	A 2015
<i>Our EL Education Language Arts (Open up Resources, 2017)</i>	A (k-2)	A 2017	NR	A 2017	A 2017	A 2017	A 2017	A 2017	A (2016; 3-5)	NR	A 3.1	A (k-2)	A 2017
<i>EL Education Language Arts (Imagine Learning LLC, 2019)</i>	NR	A 2017	NR	A 2017	NR	ER 2019?	NR	A 2017	A 2019	NR		A (k-2)	A 2017
<i>Exact Path (Edmentum, 2023); S</i>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	U	NR
<i>Foundations A-Z (Learning A-Z, 2022), Raz-Plus (Learning A-Z, 2017), & Writing A-Z (Learning A-Z, 2023) Supplemental</i>	S	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	S 2023	NR	NR	NR	U	Partial
<i>From Phonics to Reading (Sadlier, 2020); S</i>	S	S	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	S 2020	NR	NR	NR	U	S
<i>Foundations (Wilson Language Training, 2020); S</i>	S	S 2012	NR	NR	NR	S-ER	S	NR	NR	NR	NR	U	NR
<i>Into Reading, National V2 (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2020)</i>	A 2020	A	A	A (3-5)	A	ER	A	A 2020	A 2020	A	U 2.83	A	A
<i>Just Right Reader Decodables (Just Right Reader, 2021-2023); S</i>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	U	NR
<i>Kindercorner (2nd ed., 2016.); & Reading Roots (5th ed., 2021); Reading Wings (4th ed., 2016) (Success for All Foundation Inc.)</i>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	U 2.4	U	NR

Curriculum	CO	CT	GA	LA	MA	MN	MS	OH	OR	VA	WI ELCC	WI DPI	Ed Reports
Lindamood Bell Learning Processes (Gander Publishing, 2001-2022); S	S	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	U	NR
Magnetic Reading (Curriculum Associates, 2023); S	S	S	NR	NR	NR	S	NR	S 2023	NR	NR	NR	U	S
myView Literacy Elem. Reading Curriculum (Savvas Learning Company, 2025)	A	A	A 2020	A	A	ER	A	A 2025	NR	NR	U 2.5	A	A 2020
OnTrack Reading Phonics Program Workbook (OnTrack Reading, 2001- 2023); Instructional Manual (OnTrack Reading, 2004-2023)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	U	NR
Open Court (McGraw-Hill, 2023)	A 2016	A 2016 2023	NR	NR	NR	ER	NR	NR	NR	A	U 2.7	A 2023	Partial 2016
Orton-Gillingham Plus (IMSE, 2022); S Supplemental	S	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	U	NR
Ready 4 Reading (Scholastic, 2023); S	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	S-ER	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	U	NR
Superkids Reading Program (2017); Superkids Foundational Skills (2020); Superkids Phonemic Awareness Kindergarten (2022) (Zaner-Bloser Inc., 2017; 2020; 2022)	A (k-2)	NR	NR	NR	NR	ER	NR	NR	NR	A (k-2)	U 2.5	U	Partial
Ventris Learning (University of FL Learning Institute, year); S	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Voyager Passport Intervention (Voyager Sopris Learning, 2022); S	S	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	U	NR
Wit and Wisdom (Great Minds, 2020); S	S	NR	NR	Partial 2016	A 2016	S	S	A (3) S (K-2)	NR	NR	NR	U	A 2016
Wit and Wisdom (Great Minds, 2020) with 95 Phonics Core Program (95% Group, year)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Wit and Wisdom (Great Minds, 2020) with Pk-3 Reading Curriculum (Really Great Reading , year)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	A 3.01	U	Partial
Wonders (McGraw Hill, 2023)	A (2023)	A	NR	A (2020)	A (2020)	ER	A K-2 (2020)	A	A 2020	A	U 2.84	A	A (2023)

*Bookworms was only approved in other states in combination with other foundational skills supplementary materials



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