2025 – 2026 Clinton Elementary School Reading Plan

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Section A: Five Pillars of Reading Instruction

Describe how reading assessment and instruction for all students in the school includes oral language, phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension to aid in the comprehension of texts to meet grade-level English/Language Arts standards.:

In 2024-2025 we adopted HMH into our Reading curriculum which aligns to the Science of Reading and includes all 5 pillars of reading instruction. We are also using Edmentum Exact Path, a diagnostic-driven learning path to scale interventions in reading, and language arts. This program is explicitly aligned with the Science of Reading. We have 1 small cohort of participants completing LETRS training for Volume 2 and 1 cohort of participants beginning LETRS training for Volume 1. Our District uses a standards-based grading for our reporting system.

Section B: Foundational Literacy Skills, Continued

Document how Word Recognition assessment and instruction for PreK-5th grade students are further aligned to the science of reading, structured literacy and foundational literacy skills.:

Teachers in grades K-5 are using LETRS assessments (PAST, Phonics and Word Reading, and Spelling Screener, and DRC Beacon). Teachers use the school's HMH Curriculum to ensure mastery of all SC State Reading standards. This includes teaching strategies, DOK, aligned assessments, Edmentum Exact Path, and HMH Ed Learning.

Section C: Intervention

Document how the school uses universal screener data and diagnostic assessment data to determine targeted pathways of intervention (word recognition or language comprehension) for students in PreK-5th grade who have failed to demonstrate grade-level reading proficiency.:

We are using DRC Beacon for Reading assessments to identify struggling readers. We then create targeted pathways for students during our Academy time (which was a part of our master schedule this year). These pathways follow our MTSS flowchart and include interventionists, our reading coach, administrators, and teachers. Academy time is a block of time at the end of the day for targeted instruction including intervention and enrichment opportunities for students in Grades 3-5. Students in Grades 5K- 2 who have failed to demonstrate grade-level reading proficiency receive daily interventions from our teachers, interventionists, reading coach and ESOL teacher.

Section D: Supporting Literacy at Home

Describe the system in place to help parents in your school understand how they can support the student as a reader and writer at home.:

The school sends home the DRC Beacon Family Reports three times per year. Students who are struggling receive supplemental activities that they complete at home. We have Family Literacy Nights for meeting with grade level parents to discuss reading strategies to use at home and to discuss data. Monthly newsletters are sent home by the Principal and Literacy Coach that offers ideas about reading and the importance of reading in the home. We encourage families to participate in our Spring reading challenge with our minor league baseball team.

Section E: Progress Monitoring

Document how the school provides for progress monitoring of reading achievement and growth at the school level with decisions about intervention based on all available data to ensure grade-level proficiency in reading. :

Classroom teachers progress monitor Tier 1 students during the day through informal assessments. Tier 2 and 3 students are monitored according to the district's MTSS flowchart during their intervention blocks. Teachers and interventionists use EdPlan to track student progress. Students are a part of goal-setting conversations with their teachers and are learning to track their own progress. Weekly meetings are scheduled each month for the intervention team and teachers to discuss data, progress, and plans for tier 2 and 3 students.

Section F: Teacher Training

Explain how the school will provide teacher training based in the science of reading, structured literacy, and foundational literacy skills to support reading achievement for all students. :

Teachers are participating in the state provided LETRS training. Our Reading coach is a trained LETRS facilitator for the state and helps our teachers with LETRS instructional strategies. We have 2 cohorts to ensure we have all K-3 teachers trained. Our district Literacy Specialist offers

the Read 2 Succeed courses for all teachers to receive their endorsements. Teachers are also participating in PLGs, led by the Literacy Coach, and participate in district wide PD monthly that is led by the District Reading Specialist, Reading Coaches and classroom teachers.

Section G: District Analysis of Data

Strengths:

• Teachers are participating in the state provided LETRS training. We have 2 cohorts to ensure we have all K-5 teachers trained.

• Our District Literacy Specialist offers the Read 2 Succeed courses for all teachers to receive their endorsements.

• Teachers are also participating in ongoing ELA focused PLGs this year.

Possibilities for Growth:

• Fourth grade ELA is an area of growth for us with 54.2% Meets and Exceeds; 26% Does Not Meet on our most recent SC Ready assessments.

• Another area of growth is preparing our 2nd graders for 3rd grade (We have 29% of our 2nd graders from last year who are on track for success in English Language Arts at third grade.

How many eligible teachers in your school have completed Volume 1 ONLY of LETRS?:

4

How many eligible teachers in your school have completed Volumes 1 and 2 of LETRS?:

15

How many eligible teachers in your school are beginning Volume 1 of LETRS this year (or have not yet started or completed Volume 1)?:

4

Section H: 2024-25 School SMART Goals and Progress Toward those Goals

Goal #1:

Goal #1 (Third Grade Goal): Reduce the percentage of third graders scoring Does Not Meet in the spring of 2024 as determined by SC READY from 35% to 30 % in the spring of 2025. This goal accounts for an increase # of children with IEP's.

Goal #1 Progress:

We met our goal for 3ʳᵈ grade reading. We decreased our percentage of students scoring Does Not Meet from 37% to 23% as indicated by Spring 2025 SCReady assessment.

Goal #2:

By June 2025, the school will increase parent involvement by hosting at least 3 literacy-based activities throughout the school year.

Goal #2 Progress:

We met our goal by providing 2 reading nights in conjunction with our book fairs and we provided 5 opportunities for parents to learn about strategies and visit classrooms during our Wonderful Wednesday programs.

Goal #3:

By May of 2025, 45% of second graders will score at the state projected level on Spring Map to show that they are on track for success in English Language Arts at third grade.

Goal #3 Progress:

We met this goal based on spring MAP scores. Scores indicate that 51% of second grade students are on track for success in English Language Arts for third grade.

Section I: 2024-25 School SMART Goals and Action Steps Based on Analysis of Data

Goal #1:

Goal #1 (Third Grade Goal): By May 2026, reduce the percentage of third graders scoring Near Target in the fall of 2025 as determined by DRC Beacon ELA assessment from 86% to 35% in the spring of 2026.

Goal #1 Action Steps:

Teachers will discuss DRC Beacon data, MTSS data, and benchmark data in PLGs. During PLGs and vertical team meetings, teachers will examine researched based intervention strategies and use these strategies with students during Tier 2 intervention in the classroom. The reading coach will facilitate PLGs with administrator support to introduce and model research-based strategies.

Goal #2:

By May 2026, reduce the percentage of fifth grade students scoring Support Needed on fall DRC Beacon English Language Arts assessment from 31% to 15% on the spring DRC Beacon assessment.

Goal #2 Action Steps:

Getting families more involved in the classrooms: MTSS Family Data Night; Reading Newsletter; Fall STEAM Festival, Book fairs.

Goal #3:

By May of 2026, 75% of second graders will score at the Near Target and Prepared level on spring DRC Beacon ELA assessment to show that they are on track for success in English Language Arts at third grade.

Goal #3 Action Steps:

Teachers will analyze DRC Beacon data, MTSS data, and benchmark data in PLGs to identify gaps in student understanding and determine next steps for students. During PLGs and vertical team meetings, teachers will examine research-based intervention strategies and use these strategies with students during Tier 2 intervention in the classroom. The reading coach will facilitate PLGs with administrator support to introduce and model research-based strategies. The reading coach will schedule weekly meetings to discuss student progress and provide support.