

K-5 Structured Literacy Block

Grade	Phonological Awareness	Phonics and/or Word Study	Reading and Language Comprehension	Writing	Small Group, Independent Work, and/or Centers/i-Ready	Total Time
Kindergarten	15 mins.	30 mins.	25 mins.	20 mins.	30 mins.	120 mins.
First	15 mins.	30 mins.	25 mins.	20 mins.	30 mins.	120 mins.
Second	10 mins.	20 mins.	20 mins.	25 mins.	45 mins.	120 mins.
Third	N/A	15 mins.	25 mins.	15 mins.	35 mins.	90 mins.
Fourth	N/A	15 mins.	25 mins.	15 mins.	35 mins.	90 mins.
Fifth	N/A	15 mins.	25 mins.	15 mins.	35 mins.	90 mins.

The attached literacy block framework is grounded in research-based practices for Tier 1 instruction. Within the framework, items under the “General Description” are not required to be taught in a specific sequence. Additionally, it is not required for the literacy block to be uninterrupted. The minutes dedicated to each component in this framework, as well as to whole group versus small group instruction, are based on students’ needs.

4th Grade Literacy Block Framework

Suggested Time Per Day	General Description	Examples of Specific Activities	Adopted Curriculum Resources Found in Benchmark Universe (unless noted with *)	Scarborough's Reading Rope Connections
Approximately 15 Minutes	Word Study and Phonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce sound/spelling pattern/morpheme • Review previously learned sounds/spelling patterns/morphemes • Make/build words with sounds/spelling patterns/morphemes learned • Practice Dictation • Syllabification • Connect word to meaning • Read decodable text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benchmark Phonics Connections PowerPoints* (Grade-Level Teams) • Word Study Mini Lessons <p><u>Additional Resources:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • i-Ready* • Writing and Language Handbook • Advancing Foundational Skills for English Language Learners 	Phonological Awareness Decoding Sight Recognition
Approximately 45 Minutes Whole Group – 25 min. Small Group – 20 min.	Reading and Language Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students read grade level text • Introduce reading strategy to be focused on • Read a text aloud to reinforce this strategy – stop occasionally to think aloud about how you're using strategy as you read text • Students read a text to reinforce this strategy • Students analyze words, phrases, sentences, and paragraphs from texts to practice and apply vocabulary acquisition strategies • Students use a graphic organizer to help them organize information/thinking • Students cite stated and implicit textual evidence to answer questions and construct written responses 	<p><u>Lesson Components:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Read-Aloud • Reading Mini-Lessons • Small Group Reading/Independent Reading/Conferring <p><u>Additional Resources:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELlevation* • i-Ready* • Reader's Theater • 4th Grade Leveled Texts to be used in a skill based, purposeful way • Read-Aloud Handbook 	Background Knowledge Vocabulary Verbal Reasoning Literacy Knowledge

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students annotate text and take margin notes, noting key words and phrases that constitute evidence to support answers as students read closely • Students analyze text in collaborative conversations to build ideas around the Essential Question, compare and contrast texts, and state and support opinions • Read aloud to immerse students deeply in the topic, expanding their background knowledge • Continue Tier 1 instruction within small groups scaffolding as appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novel Study Guides • Text Evidence Questions 	
<p>Approximately 30 Minutes</p> <p>Whole Group – 15 min.</p> <p>Small Group – 15 min.</p>	Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students write informational, opinion, and narrative texts based on one or more sources students have read • Model planning, drafting, revising, and editing a narrative, informative, and opinion piece • Students plan, draft, revise, and edit a narrative, informative, and opinion piece • Model brainstorming and organizing ideas, conducting research, and author's craft elements • Students brainstorm and organize ideas, conduct research, and use author's craft elements • Support students in creating their own multimedia presentation related to the unit topic • Students engage in writing on cross-curricular concepts 	<p><u>Lesson Components:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing and Language Mini-Lessons • Independent Writing/Conferring <p><u>Additional Resources:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELLevation* • i-Ready* • Writing and Language Handbook 	All strands of the Reading Rope may be included.

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