

JSHS Middle School Reading 180

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Read 180 Overview

Read 180 is a reading program for students reading below grade level in grades 4 through 12.

There several components of the READ 180 program including:

- Software to build skills and provide practice in essential areas such as reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, phonics, and spelling.
- Audiobooks to allow students to read along with the help of a narrator and reading coach, who model strategies used by successful readers.
- Paperbacks to allow students to select books to read independently. Students will have access to appropriate level, high-interest books.

Together all of these components will help build the skills to become a successful reader. Additionally, studies show that the program also improves a student's motivation and desire to succeed.

Understanding the problem

Reading/Comprehension

There are currently 36 students in Reading Essentials. Lexile scores show all of our middle students are significantly below grade level (3-5 grades) in this area.

To learn more about the Lexile Framework

<http://www.lexile.com/about-lexile/lexile-overview>

Writing/Spelling

Out of the 36 students that are in Reading Essentials, less than half of them have writing that can be read clearly. All of them struggle with spelling and general writing mechanics. Students in my PBL classes also have problems with spelling and gwm.

Fluency

When asking a student to read aloud, their fluency in what they are reading is a major struggle. Some read as if it is one long run-on sentence, they stumble/struggle with words, etc. This makes the student frustrated and they want to give up.

Reading Essentials Goal:

The main goal is to get all of our students to grade level and beyond in reading, writing, comprehension, and fluency.

In September, Reading Essentials put the Read 180 program into place for all three middle school grades. These students were given three different assessments at the start of the program; Mindset, Phonics, and Lexile. In December, these same students plus four new ones, were given these assessments again. According to the Read 180 coaches that I have monthly meetings with, students usually show the most growth in the second semester more than the first. **The first assessments were taken on September 24, 2020.**

8th Grade Reading Essentials

Total students: 14

September 24, 2020

Lexile: Average 302L

Phonics/Fluency: 16.8

December 2020:

Lexile: Average 500L, Growth:
196

Phonics/Fluency: Average 21.7,
Growth: 4.9

7th Grade Reading Essentials

Total students: 13

September 24, 2020

Lexile: Average 693L

Phonics/Fluency: 18.5

December 2020:

Lexile: Average 688L, Growth: 26

Phonics/Fluency: Average 20.5,
Growth: 2.0

6th Grade Reading Essentials

Total students: 11

September 24, 2020

Lexile: Average 381L

Phonics/Fluency: 19.5

December 2020:

Lexile: Average 386, Growth 57

Phonics/Fluency: Average 20.0,
Growth .5

Licenses and Contracts

- ★ The school district was able to purchase (CARES monies) a 1 year all digital contract which included 32 student licenses
- ★ 1 teacher license, multiple coaching sessions, complete tech support, and progression check-points with Read 180 professionals 3 times a year.

Initially purchased 32 licenses: \$10,358.00

4 additional licenses were purchased after that:
\$676.00

Total Cost:

\$11,034.00

Worth noting.....

The progression that we have seen in a short amount of time in this program is demonstrating that students who are utilizing this program are making amazing growth.

Math 180

Math 180

A comprehensive system of instruction, assessment, and professional development designed to help students who have not yet experienced success in mathematics learning thrive in algebra. Built with the student in mind, the learning experience is a uniquely motivating and fun way to accelerate to grade-level ability.

Empowers teachers to deliver effective math instruction. Teachers have access to lesson planning tools, smart data, easier differentiation, and professional support resources that are comprehensive, cohesive, and convenient—everything they need to do what they do best.

Where our middle school students stand now

Students:

- Currently 28 students in MS Math Essentials
- All 28 students are well below grade level

Programs:

- Currently using Prodigy (free)
- Khan Academy (free)

Students:

- More students are going to be added to M.E.
- Majority of middle school students are struggling with grade level math.

Math180:

- Provides higher level comprehensive learning
- Intervention program to get students to grade level and beyond.

Read 180 and Math 180 benefits

- The school has seen a large jump in Lexile scores since Read 180 started being utilized in September as the data will support
- Our students are engaged whether in the classroom or virtual.
- Math 180 is our next step! It will benefit our students 100%
- These programs are building confidence, skills, knowledge, and success as I can attest daily!
- Some of these students doubt themselves, call themselves stupid, and get very frustrated. In the short period of time I have used this program these students mindsets have soared and success has begun to spread throughout the middle school!