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BUILD A MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERVENTION PROGRAM

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1. ASSESS

After a universal screener, administer an assessment which decouples word recognition and language comprehension.

(An NWEA score is not enough.)

2. IDENTIFY

Literacy is a civil right, but the question is, with 70% of students needing support, who receives the intervention? Answer: ALL.

3. SCHEDULE

The most common questions for new initiatives, "When will I fit it in?" Before/after school grant funded programs, W.I.N. period, block scheduling, flipped classroom, centers model.

4. STAFF

Learners with the most needs should be placed with the teachers who have the most skills, and ALL responsible for teaching reading need PD.

What assessments will we use?
How will we identify students?
How will we structure the schedule?
Who will staff the program?

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5. TEACH

Learning things sequentially and explicitly is key for developing new pathways and connections and how the brain stores and retrieves information

6. MONITOR

LRegular formative assessment guides the teacher in adapting instruction to student needs. If you're building your own curriculum, monitor progress every two weeks.

7. PRACTICE

One of the reasons students are struggling readers is because they aren't given enough time or spaced practice to cement those concepts. Struggling learners need at least 20 interactions to make it stick!

8. **DESTIGMATIZE**

More than any other age group, adolescents are focused on acceptance by a social group, so the language we use to label classes is key, and age appropriate resources are crucial!

NEED MORE INFO?



Need coaching or support as you plan 2024-2025 programs?
Contact Katie & Jenny at info@engaginglearners.com.

What curriculum & instructional approaches will be used?
How will we monitor progress??
How will we provide students sufficient practice?
How will we create a positive culture around foundational literacy?

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SCHOOL LEADER INITIATIVE INVENTORY



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1	Science of Reading pd for all K-2 teachers	state	Close reading gap and create proficient readers	2	3	3	2
5	3-12 Afterschool tutoring	bldg need	Decrease missing assignments and number of Fs.	2	1	2	1
7	K-12 Canvas LMS training	bldg need	Make communication and feedback more effective	2	2	1	1
3	Integrated Algebra Freshmen course	bldg need	Increase pass rates for Alg and number of diplomas.	2	1	3	1
4	6-12 Expulsion Alternative for Vaping	bldg need	Keep students in school and provide them with addiction services.	1	1	2	1
6	3-8 State standardized assessment vendor change	state	Training for all 3-8 teachers on new testing platform. Curriculum Maps updated to reflect state pacing.	2	2	1	1
8	K-12 Social media campaigns	district	Admin & dept head's responsbile for 2 posts a week highlighting student work	1	1	1	1
2	K-5 PLCs	district	Track student data, collaborate with grade level teams to adjust instruction	2	1	3	2

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INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

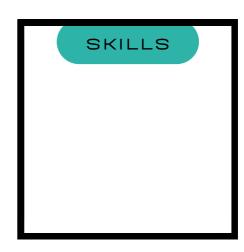


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KNOSTER MODEL OF COMPLEX CHANGE



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