

Update to Policy #69: Reading Instruction

Policy Name: Reading Instruction & Success Plans

Pursuant to the Missouri Reading Instruction Act (Section 170.014), CWC Kansas City shall have reading programs in kindergarten through grade ~~five~~ ~~three~~ based in scientific research.

Such programs shall include the essential components of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. All new teachers who teach reading in kindergarten through grade ~~five~~ ~~three~~ shall receive ~~adequate~~ training in ~~the areas required under the evidence-based reading instruction program these areas~~. "Evidence-based reading instruction" includes practices that have been proven effective through evaluation of the outcomes for large numbers of students and are highly likely to be effective in improving reading if implemented with fidelity. ~~The program may include "explicit systematic phonics", which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean the methodology of pronouncing and reading words by learning the phonetic sound association of individual letters, letter groups, and syllables, and the principles governing these associations.~~

Additionally, CWC Kansas City shall adopt and have on file a policy for student reading success plans. CWC Kansas City shall provide all parents and guardians, including students who have a substantial deficiency in reading, with suggestions for regular parent-guided home reading.