

Curriculum & Instruction Report

May 28, 2024



What's Happening This Month?

- MAP and EOC testing are complete!
- End-of-year foundational reading assessments and Reading Success Plans are finalized, in accordance with new state guidelines.
- Curriculum planning and auditing are in progress to prepare for 2024-2025 school year.
- Upper elementary teams are planning around teaming changes for 2024-2025.
- Middle School staff are planning for fifth grade's transition to the middle school.

LETRS Training Update

We are so proud of our teachers for their time they've invested in LETRS Training during the past two years! A generous grant from the Kauffman Foundation as well as DESE support made this undertaking possible.

Certified in Vol. 1&2: **52** current staff members

Certified Vol. 1: **13** current staff members

Beginning in 2024-2025: **5-8** new staff members, to be trained by internal facilitators.

Academic Growth

KCIA has made a top-20 list for our academic growth during the 2021-2022 school year! A research organization from St. Louis University, SLU Prime, produces an annual report that ranks Missouri schools in terms of student growth. They use data from state tests and focus on the progress students make between two consecutive administrations, following DESE's official growth model calculations.

KCIA was recognized three times for the growth we made in the year following the Covid-19 pandemic. This report focuses on growth between the spring 2021 and spring 2022 state tests.

- 6th in statewide Mathematics growth for subgroup students.
- 9th in statewide Mathematics growth for all students.
- 18th in statewide English Language Arts growth for subgroup students.

**Subgroup: This is a state definition that tracks the growth of students from historically disadvantaged populations, which includes students who are Black or Hispanic; qualify for free or reduced-price lunch; or are English language learners or students with disabilities.*

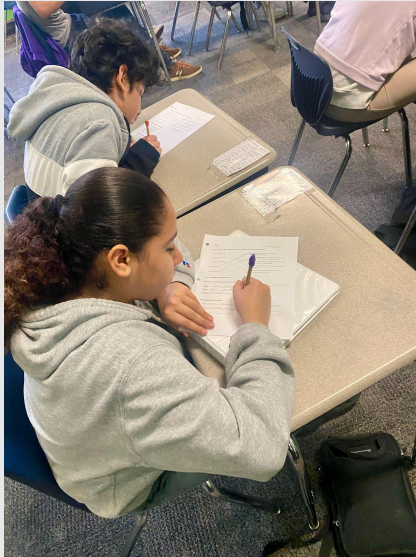


Table 8. Top Subgroup Mathematics Growth, EleMiddle Schools

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	Ewing Marion Kauffman Mid.	100.0*	30.2%	686	-	Ewing Marion Kauffman Schl.	Kansas City
2nd	Washington Elem.	100.0*	21.0%	364	0.8%	Normandy Schools Collab.	St. Louis
3rd	Green Forest Elem.	99.8	66.7%	168	31.5%	Green Forest R-II	Ozarks
4th	Winona Elem.	98.5	53.0%	318	38.5%	Winona R-III	Ozarks
5th	Bevier Elem.	95.9	27.8%	125	18.1%	Bevier C-4	Northeastern
6th	KC International-Wallace	95.0	14.6%	654	61.2%	KC International Academy	Kansas City
7th	Koshkonong Elem.	94.6	21.3%	124	38.8%	Oregon-Howell R-III	Ozarks

The Writing Revolution

So much enthusiasm for *The Writing Revolution* and the Hochman Method is showing up in different parts of our building! Teachers at both the elementary and middle school levels have been engaging in book studies and professional learning and experimenting with strategies that are a part of the text. One of TWR's basic principles is that sentences are the building blocks of all writing, and students have been working this month on purposeful activities to build their sentence-writing skills.



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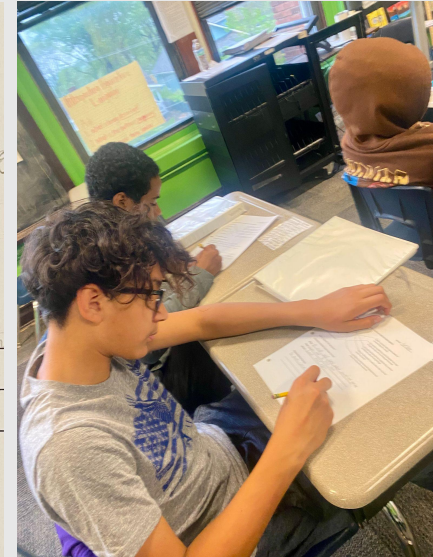
A problem is presented and followed by the steps to bring about a solution

Part II. Expand the sentence.

Hawaiian children learn how to hula.

Why: Because Hawaiian culture was being fore
How: Schools were built to teach kids about
When: The native population was declining

Expanded Sentence:
Hawaiian children learn how to hula in order
to maintain culture by going to schools
built for that purpose due to native
population decreasing in Hawaii. ⚡



Bus Driver Appreciation

Students and teachers organized a thank-you note writing campaign to recognize our bus drivers! It has been a challenging few years for bus transportation, and we know how essential their services are to make sure students can get to KCIA and have the opportunity to learn.



Girls on the Run

KCIA's girls were featured in a [10-minute mini-film](#) about Girls on the Run, sharing their experiences and emotions during their first 5K. It's absolutely worth a watch. Our students represent KCIA and Girls on the Run so well! A huge thank you to their coaches, who created such an amazing team environment that shines through in the video.



Culture Night

What an amazing celebration of food, dance, art and more at our World Cultures Night last month! So many staff members and community members volunteered and supported our families at the event.



Battle of the Books

Congratulations to our Battle of the Books winners, all participating students, and to the teachers who organized such a fantastic incentive to reward independent reading! Students formed their own teams, independently read books from a specific list, and competed to answer questions about the texts. I loved seeing students get so excited about reading and competitive about fantastic, high-interest books.





Questions?

