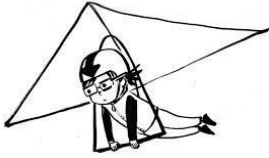


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SOAR : Elementary

Supportive Opportunities for Academic Resources

What is Title 1?

The US Department of Education gives schools Title 1 funding to support programs designed for students who need to gain ground in math and language arts literacy in order to reach the standards. Effective programs have:

- "gold standard" supplemental materials
- expert, skilled educators
- time for program delivery during the regular school day

What materials is ATS using?

Language Arts Literacy

Fountas and Pinnell (F&P) is considered the "gold standard" for literacy materials at the elementary level. Our SOAR program has F&P's Leveled Literacy Intervention kits that provide students with 12 weeks of additional guided reading sessions. Because the materials cannot be delivered on a cart, this program is pull-out.

Math

Our elementary math curriculum uses McGraw Hill as a resource. We added McGraw Hill's Number Worlds which has supplemental materials that are designed to make the grade-level standards accessible to students.

Who are the educators?

Elementary SOAR services are provided by two teachers: Mrs. Strawderman for language arts and Mrs. Murphy for math. They are skilled in using data, targeted instruction, and their respective content areas; moreover, they are passionate about student achievement.

How is the SOAR program delivered?

We Use Data to Identify Students

We use multiple measures to determine which students need additional support in math and language arts. For math, we use McGraw Hill's summative assessment and MAP through 3rd grade. For 4th and 5th grade, we have PARCC as a third indicator. For language arts, we use students' F&P level, MAP, and Dibels through 3rd grade. For 4th and 5th grade, we have PARCC as a fourth indicator.

School Schedule Supports SOAR Program

The support is provided daily and consistently -both of which are significant improvements. Elementary grades have a period called "Tiger Time" for individualized instruction during the school day. Students who need support in math and/or language arts will receive SOAR support services daily during this period. Designated time for support during school is best practice.

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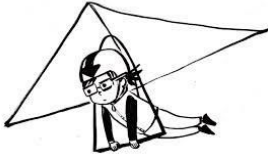
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SOAR: Middle School

Supportive Opportunities for Academic Resources

What is Title 1?

The US Department of Education gives schools Title 1 funding to support programs designed for students who need to gain ground in math and language arts literacy in order to reach the standards. Effective programs at the middle school level have:

- content area expert teachers
- trained educators
- capacity for program delivery during the regular school day

Why is the content area teacher critical?

At the middle school level, standards are *recursive* meaning they spirally repeat at a higher level of sophistication with each sequential year. When students need to gain ground to meet the standards, we want to make the standards accessible to students. Content area expert teachers have unpacked the dense New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) and are poised to differentiate instruction so that students gain ground to meet the NJSLS.

How do other trained educators assist?

Our middle school instructional aides provide push-in support in both math and language arts. This support provides students with one-on-one:

- checks for understanding.
- content clarification.
- reteaching.

How is the SOAR program delivered?

We Use Data to Identify Students

We use multiple measures to determine which students need additional support in math and language arts. For math, we use McGraw Hill's summative assessment, MAP, and PARCC. For language arts, we use students' F&P level, MAP, and PARCC. Students who meet the defined criteria are recommended for SOAR services.

Schedule Supports SOAR Program

The push-in support is provided daily and consistently - both of which are significant improvements. The instructional aide providing the supplemental support pushes-in for one of the two periods.

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