

READING & WRITING

K-5 literacy encompasses reading, writing, listening, speaking and problem solving for a wide range of purposes.

Grades K-2 | Direct Instruction

Direct Instruction is a teaching method extensively tested and proven to turn all students into confident learners. Whether they are struggling, English learners (EL), learning disabled, or at-level students, each student reaches mastery. Direct Instruction’s explicit, proven methodology gives teachers the power to reach all students. It gives schools a clear path to achieving—and even surpassing—school improvement goals.

The Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) Units are used in grades K-8. Unit titles are listed below.

| Kindergarten | Grade 1 | Grade 2 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oral Language: Building a Talking Community• Launching the Writing Workshop• Label and List in a Content Area• Pattern Books• Growing as Small Moment Writers• Opinion Letter• Writing a Sequence of Instructions: How-To Books• Informational Writing Personal Expertise | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launching the Writing Workshop• Revision• Writing a Sequence of Instructions: How-To Books• Apprenticeship Writing: Studying Craft• Opinion Writing: Letters for Social Action• Informational Books: Personal Expertise• Writing Like a Scientist: Investigation Notebooks | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launching with Small Moments• Lifting Level Narrative Writing: Studying Craft• Revision• Opinion: Using the Power of Reviews• Informational Writing: Personal Expertise• Realistic Fiction• Shared Research & Informational Writing: Descriptive Repo |

READING AND WRITING *continued*

Grades 3-5 | Guided Reading and Writing

Guided Reading and Writing is an instructional approach that involves a teacher working with a small group of readers. During the lesson, the teacher provides a text that students can read with support, coaching the learners as they use problem-solving strategies to read. The ultimate goal is independent reading.

| Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launching with True Stories• Persuasive Essay• Informational Writing: Personal Expertise• Writing Literary Essay• Poetry: Discovering the Voice Inside Your Heart• Informational Research Writing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launching with Realistic Fiction Stories• Persuasive Writing• Literary Non-fiction Personal Expertise• Writing Literary Essay• Building and Writing Personal Poetry Anthologies• Informational Research Writing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launching with Personal Narrative Stories• Persuasive Essay• Literary Non-Fiction: Extending Writing• Writing Literary Essay• Memoir: Writing and Reflecting on Life• Informational Research Writing |

Grades 6-8 | Reading Plus

Students participate on a web-based reading program titled Reading Plus. This program gives students choice in genre and works with them at their reading level. Grand Blanc Academy has been recognized as having the highest reading gains in the state with this program.

Reading and Writing at the Middle School level continues with the MAISA units. The units are titled the same for all three grade levels, however the content and expectations are scaffolded to increase in difficulty as the student progresses. The concept is to teach them the skill and art of writing.

Grades 6-8

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launching the Writer's Workshop• Independent Reading | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Argument Paragraph• Narrative Reading• Literary Essay | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informational Reading• Building an Argument |
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MATH

Grades K-5 | Eureka Math, also known as EngageNY

Eureka Math connects math to the real world in ways that take the fear out of the subject and build student confidence. There is more than one way to solve a math problem. Eureka math allows the students to explore, learn and challenge themselves.

SCIENCE

Grades K-5 | Mystery Science

Each lesson is a journey that begins with a video setting up the mystery. Teachers guide students through discussion, recreating the process of scientific discovery. Each lesson culminates with a hands-on activity where students are conduct an experiment or build a model to solve the mystery.

Grades 6-8 | OpenSiED

Middle School is piloting a program called OpenSiED. These lessons align with the Next Generation Science Standards. Each grade takes one year to explore the content of either Physical Science, Earth Science, or Life Science. In this exciting new program, students have an opportunity for hands-on exploration and discovery!

SOCIAL STUDIES

K-8 | The MC3 Curriculum

Exploration Topics:

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| Kindergarten | Who Am I? | Grade 5 | Government |
| Grade 1 | Family | Grade 6 | World Geography |
| Grade 2 | Community | Grade 7 | World History |
| Grade 3 | Michigan | Grade 8 | Integrated American History |
| Grade 4 | U.S. Geography | | |

Physical Education and Art are also offered for all grade levels.