

Literacy 7E Strand Overview

The 7E Strand of Literacy class is part of the Extended Learning Program services for 7th graders. It is designed to meet the learning needs of students with exceptional reading abilities and high motivation. This strand will take place during the 2nd and 3rd trimesters of 7th grade. According to Iowa Code regulations, identification measures will be used to determine the appropriateness of placement for students with high academic abilities and advanced educational needs. Eligibility is based on multiple criteria that include the Iowa Assessment, aReading Assessment, and i-Ready Reading Assessment.

Screening will take place during first trimester of a student's 7th grade year by the Literacy 7 teachers. This allows students to know their eligibility status prior to class assignments for 2nd trimester. Students who are eligible will be notified near the end of first trimester.

Student eligibility will be determined by a blended system involving the following three assessments:

Students who score at the 99th national percentile rank (NPR) on their 6th grade Iowa Assessment Reading score **AND** score at the 95th or greater national percentile rank (NPR) on their 6th grade Spring aReading Assessment will be eligible for the Literacy 7E strand.

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Assessment	Weight
Students' 6 th grade Iowa Assessment (I.A.) Reading score	50%
Students' 6 th grade Spring aReading score	35%
Students' 7 th grade i-Ready Reading Assessment (administered as a part of the Literacy 7 class)	15%
The top 10% of students, based on this blended system, will be eligible for the Literacy 7E strand.	

* The Iowa Assessments Reading subtest evaluates Informational, Literary, Vocabulary, Explicit Meaning, Implicit Meaning, Key Ideas, Author's Craft, Essential Competencies, Conceptual Understanding, and Extended Reasoning skills.