



Dear Avon Families,

Avon Local Schools implements a Structured Literacy curriculum that supports the needs of all students, including those who have been identified as needing additional support in Language Arts. Structured Literacy is an instructional approach that describes the type of explicit and systematic reading instruction supported by research. Structured Literacy doesn't refer to a single instructional method or program. Several effective instructional and intervention programs are available for implementing a structured literacy approach. These programs share the following characteristics:

What is Structured Literacy?

a brief explanation

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) chose the name Structured Literacy to describe all approaches to reading instruction that conform to the IDA's Knowledge and Practice Standards.

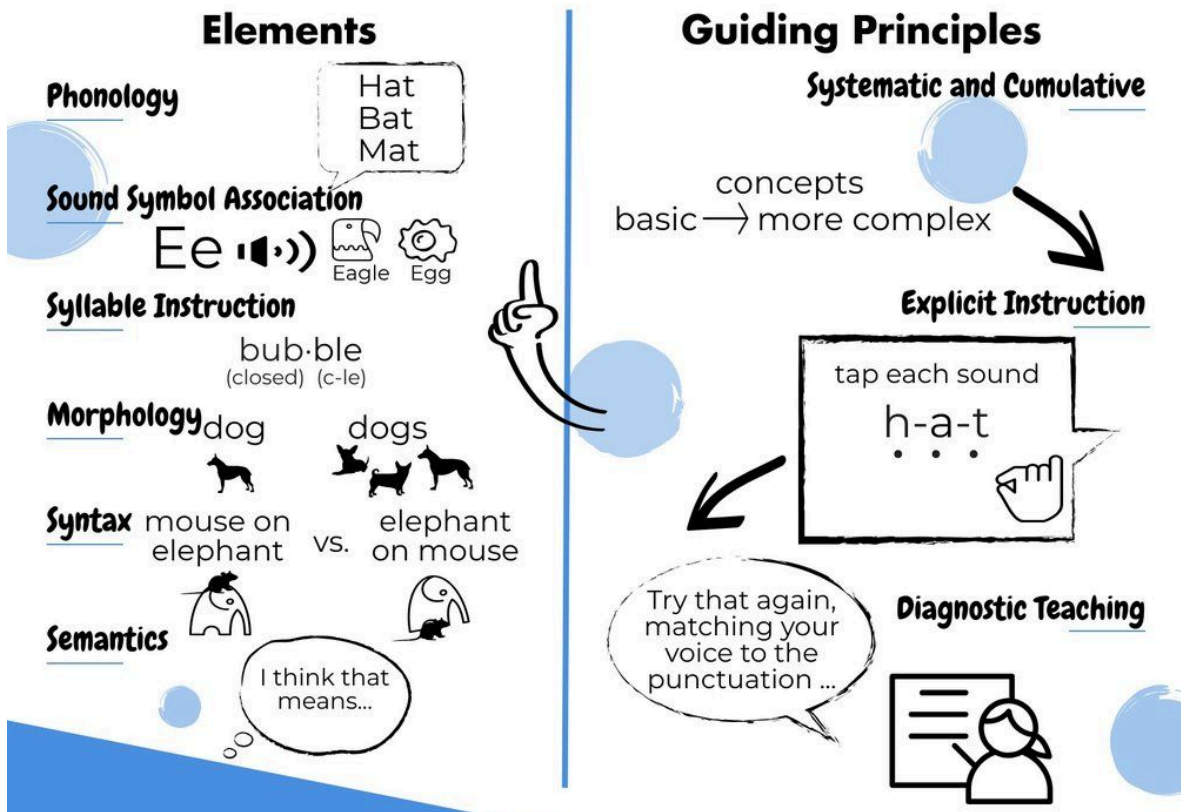


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Avon Local Schools currently implements the following curriculum and/or trainings that support Structured Literacy:

Curricular Programming: Wonders ELA Program, Foundations, Heggerty
Teacher training: Ohio Department of Education Dyslexia Modules
Teacher certifications: Orton Gillingham Certified (4 teachers) and Wilson Dyslexia Practitioners (5 teachers)

As stated in Ohio's Dyslexia Guidebook, students who experience risk for dyslexia do not necessarily have dyslexia. The goal of early identification of risk is the provision of early intervention that can prevent or minimize the impact of reading difficulties.

Additional Information:

- [Becoming a Reader parent pamphlet](#)
- [Dyslexia Supports](#) (Education.Ohio.org)
- [What Is Structured Literacy?](#) (Dyslexia.org)
- [Supporting Your Child's Reading at Home](#) (Institute of Educational Sciences)

Please contact us if you have additional questions or concerns about your child.

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