

BOE Action Plan: Advance student achievement through a collaborative team effort.

District Goal: Increase student achievement in English Language Arts with a focus on grade levels 5- 7 as the district:

- Provides English Language Arts Professional Development for teachers.
- Strives to implement best practices in English Language Arts using researched based programs.
- Administers ELA reading and writing benchmark assessments.
- Aligns instruction based on summative assessments.

Activities for current year:

- Professional development for teachers to enhance understanding of Reading/ Writing Workshop.
- Collaboration among ELA teachers to develop ELA units of study.
- Pilot Making Meaning, a reading program to develop comprehension strategies.
- Educational consultant's classroom visitations to strengthen writing skills and increase student achievement on the NJ ASK.
- Analyses of NJ ASK results and collaboration among ELA teachers to align instruction based on student needs.
- Administer timed reading benchmark assessments and writing benchmark tasks.
- Writers' Workshop program, a BSI program, to improve writing skills for fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students.

Language Arts 2012 NJ ASK Grade 3

Language Arts Clusters	District Mean	Just Proficient Mean	State Mean	DFG FG Mean
Expository Task	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.0
Speculative Task	5.5	4.7	5.1	5.1
Working with Text	5.4	4.5	5.0	5.1
Analyzing Text	10.4	9.2	10.2	10.74

Language Arts 2012 NJ ASK Grade 4

Language Arts Clusters	District Mean	Just Proficient Mean	State Mean	DFG FG Mean
Expository Task	5.4	5.8	6.0	5.9
Speculative Task	4.7	5.5	5.6	5.6
Working with Text	7.3	7.2	7.4	7.4
Analyzing Text	10.4	11.4	11.5	11.6

Language Arts 2012 NJ ASK Grade 5

Language Arts Clusters	District Mean	Just Proficient Mean	State Mean	DFG FG Mean
Expository Task	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.7
Speculative Task	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.6
Working with Text	8.3	7.5	8.3	8.3
Analyzing Text	14	12.4	13.3	13.3

Language Arts 2012 NJ ASK Grade 6

Language Arts Clusters	District Mean	Just Proficient Mean	State Mean	DFG FG Mean
Expository Task	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.4
Persuasive Task	6.9	6.5	6.7	6.7
Working with Text	15.5	13.2	14.7	14.7
Analyzing Text	15.5	13.5	14.8	14.8

Language Arts 2012 NJ ASK Grade 7

Language Arts Clusters	District Mean	Just Proficient Mean	State Mean	DFG FG Mean
Expository Task	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5
Persuasive Task	6.6	6.8	6.9	6.9
Working with Text	12.8	10.9	11.9	11.8
Analyzing Text	19.5	16.8	17.4	17.4

Language Arts 2012 NJ ASK Grade 8

Language Arts Clusters	District Mean	Just Proficient Mean	State Mean	DFG FG Mean
Expository Task	3.8	3.1	3.5	3.5
Persuasive Task	7.4	6.3	7.1	7.0
Working with Text	18.2	12.0	15.9	16.0
Analyzing Text	19.7	14.6	18.0	18.0