

Is Your Child Benefiting From High-Quality Literacy Practices?

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Things to Consider

Struggling readers benefit from the following:

1. Reading and behavioral supports from school personnel

Does your child read narrative and informational text in all classes? Does your child have multiple opportunities every day in science, social studies, and English language arts to learn and apply new vocabulary and comprehension strategies to help make sense of text and learn new academic content?

2. Teachers who use students' test scores to make decisions about their instruction

Does your child's teacher review tests and other data with your child? Does your child's teacher review data with you at parent-teacher conferences to show your child's progress and to discuss how the teacher adapts instruction to meet your child's needs? Does your child set goals using these data?

3. Reading and writing every day in every subject area, inside and outside of the classroom, using various types of text

Does your child bring home books to read? How can you help your child access more books? Do you have a library card and visit the library with your child?

4. Intensive interventions if they are significantly behind in reading or writing

Is your child enrolled in an intervention class that provides intensive support in addition to the regular instruction in content area classes (English language arts, social studies, and science)?

5. A mentor to assist with significant absences, behavior infractions, and patterns of poor grades

Does a mentor check in with your child about progress in school and extracurricular activities?