



School District of the  
**Menomonee Area**  
Act 20 Teacher Training

## Background

- Act 20 states that “*All Wisconsin schools are required to provide science-based early literacy instruction in both universal and intervention settings.*”
- Benchmark Advance, the curricular resource in use within the SDMA, meets the definition of a science-based early literacy resource.

## Requirements:

- **All** K-3 teachers (Classroom, SPED, & ELL) and principals will receive specific reading training as required by Act 20.
- Wisconsin districts are required to administer the statewide literacy screener (we do not know which one yet) to all students in grades K-3 and then administer approved diagnostic assessments to students scoring below the 25th percentile.
- Any child in grades K-3 who scores below the 25th percentile on the statewide literacy screener **must** receive a personal reading plan.
- Act 20 requires that students with a personal reading plan have their reading development progress monitored weekly.

## Teacher Professional Development

- The SDMA has selected Keys to Literacy as our professional development partner for Act 20 teacher PD.
- Training will be delivered in virtual live sessions via Zoom through a synchronous format.
- Resources - Participants will receive all training materials including the Keys to Beginning Reading book prior to the first training.
- This professional development is designed for any educator who teaches basic reading skills to students in grades K-3 or students in upper elementary grades who struggle with basic reading skills. It is also appropriate for literacy coaches and administrators who develop beginning reading curriculum or support teachers.

## Professional Development Content

The course is organized into 11 modules covering:

- Module 1: Literacy Basics
- Module 2: Oral Language
- Module 3: Phonemic Awareness
- Module 4: Phonics & Advanced Word Study
- Module 5: Fluency
- Module 6: Vocabulary
- Module 7: Sentence Structure
- Module 8: Text Structure
- Module 9: Comprehension
- Module 10: Reading Difficulties
- Module 11: Reading Assessment



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Training dates for next year will be:

Date(s)	Time	Location
August 21, 2024	10:30 AM to 4:00 PM	Classroom
August 22, 2024	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM	Classroom
October 14, 2024	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM	Option to Join From Home
January 20, 2025	9:30 AM to 3:30 PM	Option to Join From Home- edited January 10th
February, 10, 2025	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM	Option to Join From Home
June 6, 2025	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM	Option to Join From Home (If building checkout complete)

**Statewide Literacy Screener Selected**

- The state of WI has selected aimswebPlus as the statewide early literacy screener.
- For the 2024-2025 school year, the state of Wisconsin has made the **Fall Screening Window optional** with the first required administration of aimswebPlus taking place during the Winter Screening Window. The SDMA will be using the Winter Screening Window for the first administration of aimswebPlus.
- Additional information on training and the use of aimswebPlus will be shared with staff once it is made available from the Department of Public Instruction.
- Additional information regarding the use of individual diagnostic assessments and the development of Personal Reading Plans for students scoring below the 25th percentile on the literacy screening assessments will be provided as we get closer to the Winter Screening Window.