

MADISON-CARVER ACADEMY

Section 35j: Professional Development, Curriculum, and Supports Grant

Section 35j of the FY 2024 State School Aid Act provides funds to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) to “improve literacy instructional practices by investing in quality, research-based best practices, and professional learning.”

Year 2 funding professional development assurance requirement: 100% of Madison-Carver Academy instructional staff and leadership are engaging in literacy professional development aligned to the science of reading, including training and coaching in Brain Friendly Reading.

Curriculum resources include:

- ReadyGen (core literacy curriculum)
- i-Ready Teacher Toolbox for Curriculum
- Brain Friendly Reading Instructional Approach

Benchmark Assessments include:

- I-Ready Diagnostic Assessment (3x Yearly)
- Brain Friendly Reading Screen Assessment (3x Yearly)
- Illuminate Trimester Standards-Based Common Assessment (3x Yearly)

Professional Learning includes:

- Brain Friendly Reading Training (during school year and in summer / August)
- i-Ready Teacher Toolbox Implementation Training