



BALDWIN-WHITEHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS (2021-2022)

Elementary Universal Screener Committee (Andrea Huffman, Heather Wessel, Melissa Ferguson, Alicia Johnson, Amy McDonough, Jennifer Petrilla, Diane Singleton, Lauren Loeb, Christina Harris, Jason Niecgorski, Kathy Rock, Stephanie Bihary, Rebecca Gill, Laurel Rader, Lauren Hustwit, Jennifer McCool, Alex Hasis, Caitlin Haniotakis, Melissa Hoffman, Mandy Elm,

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Grade-Level and/or Content Area: K-5 Universal Screener

Date: June 8, 2022

Recommendation: The Elementary Universal Screener Committee is recommending to begin using a new universal screener (NWEA Map Assessment), K-5, beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

Reason(s) for Recommendation	Implementation Steps	Cost	Administrative Reaction
<p>Currently and for the past 10+ years, all students in grades K-5 have been administered a universal screener, Renaissance Learning STAR, in the content areas of Early Literacy, Reading, and Mathematics. For the past few years, the data that is being retrieved from the various assessments is no longer in alignment with the district’s needs in regards to the grade-level standards, MTSS process, etc.</p> <p>Based upon the committee’s work throughout the 2021-2022 school year, the recommendation is to move forward with a new universal screener that will better meet the needs of the district: NWEA Map Assessment in the areas of Fluency, Reading and Language, and Mathematics. NWEA is a research-based organization that supports both students and educators by providing assessments that measure growth and proficiency and provides insights to help tailor instruction in alignment with the data.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An Elementary Universal Screener Committee was established and included administrators, regular education teachers, special education teachers, and ESL teachers from the three elementary schools. - Committee meetings were conducted throughout the 2021-2022 school year. - Various Universal Screeners were researched. - Conversations were conducted with surrounding school districts. - Based upon the meetings, research, conversations, and needs of our district, NWEA Map Assessment was selected as the recommended screener beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. - Board Approval to adopt the recommended screener. - Purchase of NWEA Map Assessment. - Onboarding with the Technology Department - Professional Development Sessions for teachers. - Implementation of NWEA Map Assessment (3x per year) for all students, K-5, beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. - Ongoing Professional Development. 	<p>Total Cost: \$50,991.20 (The total cost includes licenses for all students, K-5, and professional development sessions for K-5 content area teachers.)</p>	<p>Approved: The Director of Elementary Education and all Elementary Building-Level Administrators serve on the Elementary Universal Screener Committee.</p>