



Hopkins Public Schools

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Dear Hopkins Public Schools Families,

Hopkins Public Schools is currently utilizing a combination of instructional resources to support our English Language Arts programming. These include *Open Court Reading* to support comprehension and knowledge-building, along with *UFLI Foundations*, which is included on the Michigan Department of Education's approved list of evidence-based Tier 1 literacy curricula for foundational skills instruction.

Both Open Court Reading and UFLI Foundations are aligned to Michigan's academic standards and are grounded in research aligned to the science of reading. Together, these resources support explicit, systematic instruction in foundational skills alongside meaningful opportunities for language development, comprehension, and knowledge-building.

While UFLI Foundations is state-approved, the combined use of Open Court and UFLI as a comprehensive literacy system is not listed as a single approved Tier 1 curriculum. Under Michigan law, districts are required to notify families when the core instructional materials used do not fully align to a state-approved comprehensive program, as this may have implications for student academic outcomes.

Hopkins Public Schools selected this approach after careful review of instructional quality, literacy research, and the needs of our students and staff. District leadership believes this integrated model provides a strong, coherent literacy experience for all learners.

The district will continue to monitor guidance from the Michigan Department of Education and review curriculum requirements and available approved materials. A formal review of curriculum options and alignment to state requirements will occur during the district's next curriculum review cycle.

Sincerely,

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