

NEWSELA

Description

Newsela is an innovative way to build reading comprehension with nonfiction that's always relevant daily news. Newsela makes it easy for an entire class to read the same content, but at a level that is just right for each student. Each article is available in five different Lexile levels.

Rationale

Newsela unlocks the written word by publishing daily news articles at five reading levels to engage students in grades 2-12 in high-interest topics from immigration and diplomacy to drones and animal extinction. Launched in 2013, more than 37 million Newsela articles have been read by students, making Newsela the number one online news source for students. When students read articles and take standards-aligned quizzes online, they are developing the critical nonfiction literacy skills that empower them to take part in conversations about complex issues, and prepare them for academic and professional success.

This district pilot will analyze the use of Newsela in 30 schools grades 2-12. Schools were selected to participate based on 2013 and 2014 FCAT Reading scores. Selection considerations included schools that showed learning gains but no proficiency and high schools with no changes in remediation or complacency between 2013 and 2014. To take advantage of the Spanish version of Newsela, ELL students were also considered.

Schools Selected to Participate

Elementary Schools

- Broward Estates, Charles Drew, Deerfield Park, Everglades, Meadowbrook, Dillard, Manatee Bay, Margate, Morrow, North Lauderdale, Sawgrass, Tedder, Village

Middle Schools

- Apollo, Attucks, Crystal Lake, Deerfield Beach, Indian Ridge, Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill (6-12), Lyons Creek, Margate, McNicol, Millennium, New Renaissance, New River, Nova, Pioneer, Plantation, Pompano Beach, Silver Lakes, Silver Trail, Tequesta, Westglades, Westpine, William Dandy

High Schools

- Blanche Ely, Boyd H. Anderson, Deerfield Beach, Everglades, Hallandale, Hollywood Hills, Plantation, Sheridan Technical, South Plantation, Stranahan, Taravella, Western

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