## **Board Governance Policy Cross Reference:**

**Legal Reference:** 

#### **Related Administrative Procedures:**

**Date Adopted: August 2025** 

#### **Date Amended:**

The primary purpose of Tier 3 reading intervention is to provide additional support to students who struggle to learn word-level decoding skills. Students selected for tier 3 reading intervention will receive explicit and systematic intervention in phonemic awareness, phonics, and word level decoding, with an emphasis on automaticity and fluency at letter, word, and passage level.

#### Intervention Teacher Selection

- Be certified as a teacher in Manitoba.
- Have been trained or willing to be trained in structured literacy and principles of direct instruction.
- Able to work collaboratively with intervention teacher colleagues, the director of programs and student services and all division clinicians and consultants.
- Commitment to collecting and analyzing data as outlined.
- Ability in schedule to make up missed lessons to ensure minimum session requirements are met.
- Has demonstrated strong time-management and organizational skills.

## **Staffing Decisions**

- Superintendents will staff the intervention teacher position in consultation with the principal based on school needs, teacher interest, teacher strengths and student numbers.
- Superintendents/Principals may assign or transfer staff to the intervention teacher position if, in their judgment, it is in the best welfare of the students and the school.

## Student Selection

- Below Benchmark on DIBELS composite and TOWRE-2 scores.
- Minimum 6 months of tier 2 interventions.
- Minimal progress in tier 2 interventions, as measured by DIBELS aim line and UFLI progress monitoring.

- Reading related diagnosis (e.g., specific learning disability in reading, dyslexia) OR on list for potential diagnosis.
- Additional factors may be relevant to student selection.
  - o The Principal will consult with the speech-language pathologist.

# **Group Information**

- 1-3 students per group.
- Groups are based on specific individualized goals and may include cross-grade groupings.
- Students work toward up to 3 individualized goals created by the intervention teacher based on their DIBELS aim line and QPS entry data.
- Students receive specialized instruction based on their specific goals.
- 25-minute sessions, 4-5x/week minimum.
- Required lesson plan components will be established by the speech-language pathologist and/or school psychologist.
- Students with attendance impacting their ability to receive 4-5 lessons/week may be discontinued.
- Additional factors may be relevant to group assignment.
  - o The principal will consult with the speech-language pathologist.

## **Progress Monitoring**

- Interventions are implemented for 6 weeks
- UFLI progress monitoring completed weekly
- DIBELS progress monitoring completed at 6-week mark

## Collaboration

- Parents are notified via letter that their child will be receiving tier 3 interventions.
- Team members share progress monitoring results at intervention teacher PLCs and school-based meetings.
- Intervention teachers collaborate closely with classroom teachers to align home reading activities with intervention goals.
- Home practice packages will be provided by the intervention teacher and explained to families.
- Team members consult and collaborate with the school psychologist and speechlanguage pathologist.

Tier 3 intervention begins after beginning of year screening has taken place. Where tier 3 interventions are unsuccessful (i.e., students are off aim-line after 6-week progress monitoring), the intervention teacher and principal will consult with the speech-language pathologist and school psychologist to discuss next steps.